

# Philippines invites the world to join its National Day celebrations on Feb 11 at Expo 2020 Dubai

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The Philippines invites all UAE residents and tourists, Expo visitors, and Filipinos from across the world to join the Philippines National Day on Feb 11 at Expo 2020 Dubai and to take part in its month-long festive celebrations.

Here are the back-to-back events that you shouldn't miss in the run up to this momentous event.

## Philippines National Day: February 11

On February 11, Expo 2020 Dubai will host the Philippines National Day with the grandest presentation of music, dance, and colorful performances. The day-long celebrations will witness a country business briefing, a Philippines-UAE bilateral meeting, Country Pavilion tours, as well as its official flag hoisting ceremony both at the Philippines Pavilion and the Al Wasl Plaza in honor of the country's National Day attended by delegations of notable officials from the Philippines and the UAE.

The Philippines will also take its colorful parades and joyous dances in a superb and striking performance during the Philippines National Day Parade at the Avenue of Nations. Expo 2020 Dubai visitors will imbibe the fun-filled spirit of the Filipino 'fiesta' across back-to-back performances by skilled and talented Filipinos based across all parts of the UAE.



Philippines invites everyone to wave the Philippine's flag at the Jubilee Park on Feb 11, 6:30 PM as a culmination of the day-long celebrations with an awe-inspiring cultural and musical presentation titled "Tides of our Soul," or "Daluyong ng Diwa"

Join thousands of Filipinos wave the Philippine's flag at the Jubilee Park at 6:30 PM as they culminate the day-long celebrations with an awe-inspiring cultural and musical presentation titled "Tides of our Soul," or "Daluyong ng Diwa." Ten (10) lucky audience may also win a trip to the Philippines at the onset of the grand show with free roundtrip tickets (Dubai-Manila-Dubai) via Philippine Airlines.

The schedule of events during the Philippines National Day is as follows:

10:00 AM – 10:00 PM | Philippines National Day Food Fiesta | Philippines Pavilion, Expo 2020 Dubai (open and free to the public)

The Filipino Community can enjoy snacks and drinks from their favorite Filipino food brands and establishments

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM | Country Business Briefing | Kempinski Hotel, Dubai

A trade and investments event among major government and business stakeholders, and international partners

12:00 PM – 12:15 PM | Philippines National Day Flag Raising | Philippines Pavilion, Expo 2020 Dubai

A momentous event for the Philippines at Expo 2020 Dubai as the Philippine flag is raised and the national anthem is sung at Bangkóta

12:45 PM | Philippines National Day Parade | Avenue of Nations, Expo 2020 Dubai (open to the public)

In the spirit of 'bayanihan,' talented Filipinos in the UAE are gathered by the Filipino Social Club to bring the Philippines' cultural 'fiesta' at the Expo's Avenue of Nations through a colorful parade.



Watch Filipino historians Ambeth Ocampo and Xiao Chua, and Bangkóta curator Marian Pastor Roces speak at the Mangrove Café, Philippines Pavilion this February 12 at 10:00 AM



The Philippines Pavilion, "Bangkóta" at the Expo 2020 Dubai

4:15 PM Official Ceremony | Al Wasl Plaza, Expo 2020 Dubai

The Philippines National Day celebration at the Al Wasl Plaza attended by the highest officials from the UAE and the Philippines

6:45 PM – 6:50 PM | Philippine Flag Projection | Al Wasl Plaza, Expo 2020 Dubai

The Al Wasl Dome will project the Philippine Flag for approximately 5 minutes in celebration of the Philippines National Day.

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM | Philippines Gala Presentation | Jubilee Park, Sustainability District, Expo 2020 Dubai (open to the public)

“Tides of our Soul” or “Daluyong ng Diwa” Presented by the Philippines Organizing Committee  
The grandest presentation of music, song, and dance during the Philippines National Day at the Expo 2020 Dubai

8:45 PM – 11:00 PM | Philippines Night | Level 9, Club 2020, Al Wasl Area, Expo 2020 Dubai

Hosted by the Philippines Department of Tourism and the Tourism Promotions Board

A dinner reception to celebrate the Philippines National Day, attended by delegates from the Philippines and the UAE, as well as international guests and partners of the Philippines @ Expo 2020 Dubai.

Tune in to official social media pages, @phexpo2020dubai and @rtvmalacanang, for livestreaming updates of the Philippines National Day.

Wonder Marker: February 7

The Puerto Princesa Underground River – an 8.2-kilometer natural subterranean river with limestone karst landscape – is one of the New Seven Wonders of Nature – and a new “Wonder Marker” is set to be unveiled this February 7, 3:00 PM, at the Philippines Pavilion. The unveiling activity honors and celebrates the Philippines’ distinct status of being home to one of nature’s “Wonder,” and distinguishes this destination as one of the world’s most beautiful landscapes and places to be.

New 7 Wonders President and Founder Bernard Weber will lead the simultaneous unveiling that will take place in the Philippines as well as six other New7Wonders of Nature countries: Brazil, Colombia, Peru, South Africa, Indonesia, Vietnam; and of New7Wonders of the World: Jordan and Mexico.

The event will be graced by the Philippine Ambassador to the UAE H.E. Hjayceelyn Quintana, Philippine Consul General to Dubai Honorable Renato Dueñas Jr., Philippines’ Department of Trade and Industry Assistant Secretary for the Trade Promotions Group and PH Expo 2020 Dubai Alternate Commissioner General Rosvi C. Gaetos, and New 7 Wonders Director Jean-Paul de la Fuente.

This momentous occasion will take place at 3:00 pm Dubai time at the Philippines' Pavilion 'Bangkóta' and will be livestreamed at the Philippine Expo 2020 Dubai's official social media page @phexpo2020dubai.

Bangkóta Talks, The Filipino as Austronesian: February 12

The National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) has invited noted Filipino historians Ambeth Ocampo and Xiao Chua, as well as Bangkóta curator Marian Pastor Roces to speak at the Mangrove Café, Philippines Pavilion this February 12 at 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM to share scientific data, expertise and insights to reinforce the pavilion overall message about Filipino emergence having taken place over thousands of years.

Titled "Bangkóta Talks: The Filipino as Austronesian", all three speakers will take the opportunity presented by the 500th anniversary of the circumnavigation of the globe by the expedition of Ferdinand Magellan, which coincides with the Expo 2020 Dubai, to deepen the Philippine story all the way to cultural beginnings of Filipinos around 4,000 years ago.

This event is a collaboration between the Philippine Organising Committee for the Philippines' participation in Expo 2020 Dubai, led by the Department of Trade and Industry, and the National Quincentennial Committee and the National Historical Commission of the Philippines.

Filipino professor Ambeth Ocampo has authored columns and books on Philippine history for many years. Xiao Chua is well-known for bringing diverse historical issues to popular media and other venues. Marian Pastor Roces' most recent curatorial effort is the digital 21AM, a new museum for the Cultural Center of the Philippines.

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