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Istorya DC 2018 panelists. Washington, D.C. theater actors (from left) Regina Aquino Smith, Jose Llana, Don Michael Mendoza and Rafael Sebastian. Venue was at the Philippine Embassy Chancery Annex on Oct. 25, 2018.

WASHINGTON — For the third consecutive year, the Philippine Embassy has partnered with the Rita M. Cacas Foundation (RMCF) Inc. and The Philippines on the Potomac Project (POPDC) for the annual Istorya-DC symposium held on Oct. 25, 2018 at the Embassy's Chancery Annex building.

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Istorya-DC is organized in celebration of Filipino-American History Month and Archives Month every October.

This year's symposium brought together "Washington DC Filipinos in Theater" for a night of good conversation, great music, and sumptuous Filipino food.

"This is the third time that the Rita M. Cacas Foundation and The Philippines on the Potomac Project have partnered with the Embassy to host this annual symposium, which is fast becoming a tradition among the Filipino-American communities in the D.C.-Maryland-Virginia area. Tonight is made even more special by the fact that this is the first time that our participation is conducted under the auspices of Sentro Rizal Washington DC," said Philippine Embassy Public Diplomacy Officer and Sentro Rizal Administrator Darell Artates in her opening remarks.

"The focus on 'Washington DC Filipinos in Theater' will allow us to reflect on the contributions of Filipino-American artists in the performing arts. From Lea Salonga's debut into the international theater scene, to the works of our guest speakers for tonight, the great talents, passion and discipline of Filipino performing artists have been a source of pride and inspiration, not only for fellow Filipinos but for other ethnic minorities," Artates added.

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MINisterial Secretary of the Department of Education and Rick Berulto serenades the



Philippine Embassy DC staff, including the Philippine Consul General, and other guests at the Istorya-DC 2018 symposium.