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Delegates pose with Consul General Theresa Dizon-de Vega (2nd row, 6th from left), Angeles City Mayor Edgardo Pamintuan (2nd row, 7th from left) and Department of Tourism New York Head Azucena Pallugna (2nd row, 8th from left). (Photos by MTDizon-de Vega)

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Philippine Consul General in New York Theresa Dizon-de Vega organized a special side event for US Ambassadors' Tour delegates from the U.S. Northeast to her home province of Pampanga on July 16 and 20, 2017.

Twenty-five delegates accompanied by Mrs. de Vega visited the cities of San Fernando and Angeles, Pampanga on July 16 after returning from the successful 11th Ambassadors' Tour.

A second group of delegates made the trip on July 20.

Both groups had the opportunity to visit heritage sites such as the Lazatin Mansion, a national historic site in San Fernando.

The heritage home served as the headquarters of the Japanese Imperial Army in Central Luzon during World War II.

The delegates also visited the Metropolitan Cathedral of San Fernando.

A highlight of the San Fernando Visit was a parol-making demonstration by master parol maker Rolando Quiambao.

Some delegates purchased samples of the famous San Fernando lanterns for display in the United States.

Culinary stops were made at SOUQ restaurant and the iconic Everybody's Café where guests samples Pampango dishes.

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San Fernando Mayor Edwin Santiago (6th from left) with Consul General Theresa Dizon-de Vega (7th from left) with the first batch of Fil-Am delegates at Everybody's Café.

The groups were given briefings by Mayor Edwin Santiago of San Fernando and other local government officials, as well as the San Fernando Tourism Office.

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While in Angeles City, the delegations toured the historic Pamintuan Mansion and Museum which served as the headquarters of Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo in Central Luzon.

Mayor Edgardo Pamintuan of Angeles City hosted a merienda of Kapampangan specialities at the Museo ning Angeles (Angeles Museum) in the city's historic district.

The second batch of visitors were welcomed by Angeles City Vice Mayor Bryan Nepomuceno.

Both groups likewise enjoyed a rolling tour of the Clark Freeport Zone to view the latest developments in one of the country's premiere special economic zones.

The Post-Tour program is aimed at introducing the heritage, cultural and culinary attractions of Pampanga Province, as well as the latest economic developments and business opportunities in the area.

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City Historian, Pampanga, with Consul General Thomas and Dizon de Verga (7th from left)