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**Delegates try out Filipino-developed digital games at the Games station during the reception co-hosted by the Philippine Embassy and US-Philippines Society in the evening of Aug. 9, 2017.**

WASHINGTON — Around 40 vibrant and driven youth participating in the 2017 International Young Leaders Assembly (IYLA) were treated to a night of knowledge sharing, cultural exchanges, youth empowerment, and fun-filled activities at a reception held at the Philippine Embassy on Aug. 9, 2017.

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The reception, co-hosted by the Embassy and the US-Philippines Society, was organized in honor of the IYLA delegates on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the establishment of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

The Embassy prepared five stations for the delegates to learn from and enjoy prior to the formal program.

At the Games station, delegates had the chance to try several digital games developed by Filipinos and/or in the Philippines.

The Filipino Superheroes station introduced indigenous Filipino superheroes to the delegates, with Embassy resident artist Paolo Galang doing a live drawing of two lucky delegates as Filipino superhero Darna.

The Filipino Fashion station showcased a display of Cordillera, Muslim, Rural (Barong Tagalogs) and formal attire, while the Social Media station made use of a Philippine village scene backdrop, traditional Filipino headwear, and locally produced fans for delegates to use in taking their group photos and selfies.

The ASEAN station allowed the delegates to learn more about ASEAN and its peoples through brochures and other informative materials provided by the ASEAN-National Organizing Council (Philippines), and the Indonesian, Lao and Thai Embassies in Washington, D.C.

Embassy Chargé d'Affaires ad interim Minister Patrick A. Chuasoto, highlighted in his remarks the role of young people in making an impact in the ASEAN region.

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IYLA delegates try out Filipino hats and fans at the social media station.

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Delegates learn more about Philippine traditional costumes at the Filipino Fashion

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**Baptista signs as one of the delegates as Filipino superhero Darna at the Filipino**

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IYLA delegates learn more about ASEAN at the ASEAN booth.