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## Golden weekend at Asia Society

By **MARILYN ABALOS**  
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It was a golden weekend at Asia Society where golden memories (gintuang) were cherished, the golden (bughaw) and gold plated sarnes came out, and the treasures (ginto) of our art and culture were displayed. It was a winning trifecta plus one this weekend from the Philippine Gold Opening Gala on Sept. 10 to the Dinner Gala on Sept. 11 to the Fil Am Community Celebration on Sept. 12 plus the Rondalla Concert on Sept. 13. The Philippine Gold Exhibition is on loan from the Ayala Museum to Asia Society in New York from Sept. 11 to Jan. 3, 2016.

The Opening Gala last Thursday glittered with over 200 guests in attendance. Sixteen members of the Zobel de Ayala Tam to page 13



From left, Doris Magsaysay Ilo, Consul General Mario Lopez de Leon, Fernando Zobel de Ayala, Henrietta Bohanan Fore and Gen. Amanda Tetangco, Jr. (Sylvia Gabroy/Patrick McMillan Company)

## For president: I am Grace Poe, Filipino



Sen. Grace Poe waves to supporters at the Bahay ng Alumni in UP Diliman where she declared her bid to run for president in the May 2016 elections Wednesday night. (Photo by Ernie Peralta/Inquirer)

By **CHRISTINA MENDEZ**

MANILA — Before thousands of supporters, including politicians of all shades, as well as showbiz personalities, Sen. Grace Poe formally declared Wednesday night her bid for the presidency, saying nobody has a monopoly of pursuing the righteous path in government.

Clad in white shirt and jeans, Poe reiterated she is Filipino amid questions raised on her citizenship.

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Susan Reyes waits for the start of Sen. Grace Poe's announcement of her plans for the 2016 elections. (Photo by Manny Turpin)

### Promoting cooperation on tech innovation, Fil-Am businesses

Consul General Mario L. de Leon, Jr. supported the promotion of Fil-Am small businesses and increased access to technology and innovation during a meeting. Turn to page 3



Consul General Mario L. de Leon, Jr. (center) and Mario Torres-Springer (2nd from left) are joined by (from left) Consul Felipe Carino, Lady Almadin of the PhilAm Chamber of Commerce; and Gladys Galletta, Director of International Affairs, for a photo opportunity after a briefing by the New York City Economic Development Corporation. (Photo by Wendell Gao)

### Appointment system for applicants of consular services

WASHINGTON — Effective Sept. 14, 2015, the Consular Section of the Philippine Embassy here began implementing an appointment system for applicants of various consular services, including passport renewals, notarial services, and civil registration.

The appointment system will allow applicants to avoid long queues and to complete their transactions within a pre-Turn to page 6

### Auza attends UN Prayer Service



At the reception that followed the United Nations Prayer Service in New York on Sept. 14, Archbishop Bernardita Auza (center) posed with Roger Santos (left) and the Filipino Reporter's Manuel Caballero, both of CFC ANCOF USA. Auza, a Boholano, is the Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the UN. (FR photo)

