

*RP Ambassador Willy C. Gaa*

# *Fil-Am media based in Washington feted to luncheon*

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 18 (*PinoyGlobal*) - Filipino American journalists base in the Nation's Capital were hosted today to a sumptuous luncheon at the residence of the Philippine Ambassador to the United States *Willy C. Gaa*, and his charming and hospitable wife, *Mrs. Linda Gaa*.

"I wish to welcome the members of the Fourth Estate to this luncheon honoring the Filipino journalists in this area," stated Ambassador Gaa. He also added that he is open to any query from the guests.

The Ambassador was joined by several senior staff members of the embassy, among them **Minister Carlos "King" Sorreta**, **Consul General Domingo**

**"Ding" Nolasco**, **Consul Ariel Penaranda**, **Consul Gines "Ging" Gallaga**, Press & Information officer; **Consul Rico Fos**, Cultural Officer.

The Fil-Am media were presented by **Nonoy Mendoza**, PINOYGLOBAL & Filipino Image Magazine; **Rodney Jaleco** of ABS-CBN; **Lito Katigbak** of The Philippine Star. **Rita Gerona-Adkins** of Philippine News, **Jennie L. Ilustre** of Asian Fortune; **Bing Branigin** of Manila Mail; **Rene Calandria** of Pinoy Herald; **Adolfo Paglinawan** of PINOYGLOBAL and **Becky Pagsibigan** of Manila Mail.

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Seated from left: *Nonoy Mendoza*, PinoyGlobal & Filipino Image Magazine; *Rita Gerona-Adkins* of Philippine News, *Jennie L. Ilustre* of Asian Fortune; *Becky Pagsibigan* of Manila Mail, *Ambassador Willy C. Gaa*, *Mrs. Linda Gaa*, *Bing Branigin* of Manila Mail; *Lito Katigbak* of The Philippine Star. Standing from left: Minister & Consul *Ariel Rodelas Penaranda*; Minister and Consul General *Domingo "Ding" Nolasco*; *Rodney Jaleco* of ABS/CBN, *Rene Calandria* of Pinoy Herald; *Adolfo Paglinawan* of PinoyGlobal; and Minister *Carlos "King" Sorreta*, Deputy Ambassador and Charge'd'affair. (*PinoyGlobal Photo*)