

Fil-Ams celebrate RP's 111th Independence Day

NY celebrates with a flag-raising ceremony, mass, parade and a star-studded cultural show

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A mass was held in honor of RP Independence Day.



The NY Consulate General staff poses for a pic



Official and dignitaries led by Vice Pres. Noli de Castro, Ambassador Hilario Davide, Senators Manny Vilar and Alan "Peter" Cayetano & Congresswoman Cynthia Villar (extreme right) join Cecilia Rebong and Fil-Am community leaders



One of Sen. Manny Villar's good friend, businessman Mike Gaviola and Art Romua from the Philippine mission to the United Nations



Vice President Noli de Castro



GMA artist Aljur Abrenica



Dingdong Dantes and Jay-R are all smiles during the show



Dingdong Dantes



Jay-R



Effie Nanas Dance Troupe join the celebration



Members of Filipinos USA International or FILUSA, a new movement that seeks to promote only the good about the Philippines and the Filipino people in the United States as well as photos of members of FIFORCE, one of the largest airsoft team in the country, carry the Philippine flag.



Sen. Villar and Vice Pres. de Castro in a discussion



The Independence Day parade commences led by Sen. Manny Villar and wife, Congresswoman Cynthia Villar



The ribbon-cutting ceremonies led by Sen. Villar and Vice Pres. de Castro



US Senator Charles E. Schumer greets Sen. Alan Cayetano



Sen. Manny Villar is flocked by members of the Fil-Am community