

First Russian Ball in the Philippines

In an effort to constantly promote Russian culture and art in the Philippines, the first-ever Russian Ball was recently held in the country. The event was attended by the Ambassador of the Russian Federation Igor Khovaev.

During the ball organized by Natalya Bronzova, Ambassador Khovaev handed out the "Bronze Butterfly" award to outstanding Filipinos who helped promote and support Russian art and culture in the Philippines. The awardees were Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Cong. Linabelle Ruth R. Villarica, Usec. of Tourism and Executive Director of NPF Maria Fema Duterte, President of the CCP Nick Lizaso, and Founder of the Peace Post Dr. Billy Chan.

The "Bronze Butterfly" award was created by the ball's host and artist Natalya Bronzova as a symbol of the Russian Ball. Snowflakes can be seen at the base of the unique sculpture, and a butterfly at the top, with the initials of the Russian Ball in between. The snowflakes represent Russia, while the butterfly represents the eternal summer in the Philippines.



Ambassador Igor Khovaev, Dr. Billy Chan, Arcenio Lizaso, Natalya Bronzova, Maria Fema Duterte, and Congresswoman Linabelle Ruth Villarica



Usec. of Tourism and Executive Director of Nayong Pilipino Fema Duterte, Luda Visotskiy, and Chelsia Chan



Seria Russel, Natalya Bronzova, Aglie Zamora, and Jennifer Kewalram



Dr. Billy Chan, Dr. Maria Monteverde, and Dr. Tomas Monteverde



Linda Villanueva and Omar Torres



Bert and Nonie Basilio



Cory Quirino and Amb. Igor Khovaev



Col. Joseph Jocson, Usec. Fema Duterte, Lolita Escobar, Eimee Cragun, and Myrna Yao



Sistine and Devine with Tam and Mike Austria