



# Pinoy Fiesta brings the tastes and sounds of the Philippines to Xiamen

为庆祝中菲建交48周年以及第22个中菲友谊日，菲律宾嘉年华于6月23日下午在厦门举行。

来自中国、菲律宾及世界其他国家地区的人们欢聚一堂，共同欣赏具有菲律宾特色的歌舞，该活动以音乐为媒介，架起跨文化沟通与友好交流的桥梁。

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The Xiamen SM Lifestyle Center hosted the inaugural Pinoy Fiesta on June 23. The event is the first of its kind to be organized by the Xiamen Filipino Association in cooperation with the Philippine Consulate General in Xiamen.

Organizers said that the goal of the fiesta was to jointly celebrate the 125th anniversary of Philippine independence, the 48th anniversary of Philippines-China relations and the 22nd anniversary of Filipino-Chinese Friendship Day.

The Philippines is noted for its culture of celebration and fiestas which take place somewhere in the country's 7,100 islands every week.

The fiesta included a central stage with a screen that featured video of traditional Filipino folklore events. Multiple booths flanking the stage featured local cuisine and souvenirs. Hundreds of attendees from around the world attended the festivities.

Pinoy Fiesta organizer Jose Noel Halili Antivola, who goes by the nickname Bong Ants, has lived in Xiamen for more than 16 years. For him, the

event was particularly close to his heart because he thinks of both the Philippines and Xiamen as his home. He described the event as a place for family and friends to share food, music and fun. "The more we share, the happier we are."

Mr. Antivola said that preparations for the fiesta took more than a month for the team of volunteers. "It doesn't matter how many hardships we endure, what matters is that we do it from our hearts," he said.

The fiesta included two musical performances by Mr. Antivola. Aside from the chorus that he presented with others, he also sang a song entitled Manila that held deep significance for his country's many overseas workers.

The fiesta was a lovely way to share the diverse range of Philippine music, spanning from the 18th century to the present day, with a broader audience, according to Mr. Antivola.

Event hosts included Raymond Meris, a math teacher at Manila Xiamen International School. Mr. Meris gave a dance performance featuring traditional Filipino dance together

with other artists. Dancers wore traditional Filipino attire.

Maria Antonina M. Oblena, the consul general of the Republic of Philippines Consulate General in Xiamen, attended the event. She called the fiesta proof that "music and culture bring people together."

Ms. Oblena and Jing Yang, a prestigious five-string viola artist from Xiamen, performed three works of music on stage, backed by a Filipino band. Their set included multiple musical acts. A chorus in which Mr. Antivola sang gave a rousing performance. Ms. Oblena added that the fiesta's music evoked "unity and harmony," a reflection of the bond between China and the Philippines.

Fiesta attendees included Kolosov Volodymyr, a Xiamen University student and fluent Chinese speaker. He called the event "a great opportunity for Chinese, Filipino and international friends to gather together." He described the fiesta as a "convivial platform for cross-cultural communication."



## Quote 英文名句

English Class

If you want to make enemies, try to change something. -- Woodrow Wilson, former U.S. president  
如果你想树敌，那就试着改变什么吧。

——伍德罗·威尔逊(美国前总统)

小课堂

## Vocabulary 生词库

harmony	hardship
['hɑ:məni]	['hɑ:dʃɪp]
和谐, 协调	困难

## Upcoming events 活动预告

### Sound of Walking, music concert

Performers:  
Gong Linna and Gong Luo New Art Band

Time: July 7, 7:30 p.m.

Place: Xiamen Banlam Grand Theater

行走的声音-龚琳娜 国风音乐会

表演者: 龚琳娜, 龚锣新艺术乐团  
时间: 7月7日晚七点半  
地点: 闽南大戏院



### Yin Chengzong Piano Festival, classical music

Performers: Yin Chengzong, Yin Jiongjie and the Xiamen Philharmonic Orchestra

Time: July 7, 7:30 p.m.

Place: Xiamen Hongtai Art Center

### 厦门殷承宗钢琴艺术节开幕式音乐会

表演者: 殷承宗, 尹炯杰, 厦门爱乐乐团  
时间: 7月7日晚七点半  
地点: 厦门宏泰艺术中心

### Oscar film golden melody concert

Performer: Unicorn Trans-boundary

Time: July 9, 3:30 p.m.

Place: Xiamen Art Theater

### 一步之遥·奥斯卡电影金曲音乐会

表演者: Unicorn 跨界乐团  
时间: 7月9日下午三点半  
地点: 厦门艺术剧院

### Oriental and Exotic Charm, violin concert

Performers: Li Yuhe, Yuan Jie

Time: July 11, 8:00 p.m.

Place: Xiamen Jiageng Theater

### 东方神韵与异域风情——黎雨荷小提琴音乐会

表演者: 黎雨荷, 元杰  
时间: 7月11日晚八点  
地点: 厦门嘉庚剧院