Philippine's Independence Day

June 12, 2022

Independence Day is an annual national holiday Philippines observed on June 12, commemorating the declaration of Philippine independence from Spain in 1898. June 12 is the day when many people including government officials, employees, and students participate in nationwide parades.

Did you know that the Philippines have two Independence Day?

One Independence Day is celebrated on June 12th recognizes the day the island broke free from the Spanish rule, however when the American forces occupied the Philippines until 1946. The next is celebrated on July 4th the same day has American Independence Day. In 1935, the Commonwealth of the Philippines was establish with the U.S. approval and Manuel Quezon was elected the country first president.

To celebrate the day a parade is always happening in Manila headed by the country's incumbent president, followed by a speech and a 21-gun salute. Many Filipinos spend the day in parks and malls. Government offices are closed on this day, there are no schools. The people of Philippines celebrate in several way such has fireworks for everyone to sit back and enjoy, they are proud to hold the country's flag-raising ceremonies. Having dinner with friends and loved –ones are another way of celebrating. Independence Day is the largest celebration of the culture. People celebrate by dressing in their cultural attire.

Facts about the Philippines flag:

-The white triangle stands for equality and fraternity

-The blue field is for peace, truth and justice

- The red field stands for patriotism and valor

-The eight rays of the sun stands for the eight provinces that the colonizers have put under martial law

- The three stars stands for the three big island of the Philippines.

 The EDI Committee would like to acknowledge and wishes everyone a Happy Independence Day to the Philippines!