

A taste of Filipino in London



Ambassador to the United Kingdom Enrique Manalo cuts the ribbon as lawyer Ricardo Romulo and Fr. Jim Teeling look on

ANTICIPATION RAN HIGH **AMONG** good friends and *kababayans* over the opening of Romulo Café's first branch outside of Manila—a heroic 6,700 miles away in the UK—that the occasion necessitated two launch parties. Indeed, the Philippines' very own Romulo Café has a smart new London address on Kensington High Street. There to offer familial support to the driving force and ex-JP Morgan banker **Rowena Romulo** and her fellow managing partner **Chris Joseph**, was the proud father, lawyer **Ricardo Romulo** who flew in from Manila with his other daughter **Sandie Romulo-Squillantini** and her husband Enzo Squillantini, and niece **Maritina Romulo**, who was representing her father, Ambassador **Roberto Romulo**. A collective undertaking of the globe-trotting, food-loving Romulo family, Romulo Café London replicates the successful formula of good comfort food and chic ambience of its sister restaurants in Manila, founded by Enzo and Sandie. All are gastronomic tributes to the life and times of legendary statesman Carlos P. Romulo. The new Romulo Café London has been a truly Filipino undertaking—with the kitchen run by Filipino executive chef **Lorenzo Maderas**, interiors designed by UST and Chelsea College of Art alumnus, **Karen Soriano**, and communications by **Gina Consing McAdam**. Deputy chair of DAKS and former ambassador of the UK to the Philippines **Paul Dimond** said it well: "We are confident that it will transform the image of Philippine style cuisine in London, be a great success and contribute much to the Kensington area as a prime quality destination for British and foreign diners alike. You must be immensely and justifiably proud of your family heritage." Cheers to the Romulos on this brave and much-anticipated venture!



Philippine British Business Council's Alistair Fulton and Stephen Carroll of Bleeding Heart Rum Company, makers of Don Papa Rum

◀ Directors of Romulo Café London (from left): Sandie Romulo-Squillantini and Enzo Squillantini, Rowena Romulo and Chris Joseph



Ambassador Enrique Manalo and wife Pamela with Consul General to the United Kingdom Senen Mangalile



Consul Kristine Sale and Vic Casim



Gina Consing McAdam, Alistair Fulton and award-winning chef Cyrus Todiwala



Giulia De Pasquale, Romulo Café London Executive Chef Lorenzo Maderas and Maritina Romulo



Ies Dames d'Escoffier London president Jacqui Pickles with Mostly Food and Travel editor Chrissie Walker



Maritina Romulo, Sandie Romulo-Squillantini, Ricardo Romulo, and Rowena Romulo



Pepot Noche, Ambassador Enrique Manalo, Ricardo Romulo, Vic Casim, Danny Buenafe, and Madonna Noche



Rowena Romulo, Chris Joseph with DAKS deputy chair and former ambassador of the UK to the Philippines Paul Dimond and wife Carolyn



Sandie Romulo-Squillantini and PAL UK country manager David Cochrane



Maritina Romulo, Katrina Panlilio-Craig and Isabel Craig



Rocco Sta. Maria with Pinky and Mon Opu-lencia



The Squillantini family (from left): Sandie, Enzo, Claudia, Chiara, and Viola



Cris Ramos-Stovin and Craig Stovin



Charlene Ching, Gina Consing McAdam, Kenneth Hartigan-Go, Irwin and Mila Lee



Lloyd Deverall and Benjie Diaz-Deverall



Kate Stuart, Diane Morris, Chris Joseph, Georgia Gray, and Christine Hodder



The Kensington Magazine editor Lucy Elliott



Roz Morris and Good Morning Britain deputy editor Malcolm Douglas



Sandie Poblador and Karen Soriano