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AS part of the celebration lined up for this year's Philippine-Spanish Friendship Day, the Embassy of Spain and Instituto Cervantes present the Asian premiere of *El idioma español en Filipinas* (The Spanish Language in the Philippines) at the Salón de Actos of the Instituto Cervantes on July 1 at 7 p.m. Its director, Javier Ruescas, will introduce it and a forum will follow after the screening.

The documentary, produced by the Asociación Cultural Galeón de Manila, was first premiered in March 2012 in the head office of Instituto Cervantes in Madrid. It features a string of interviews of Filipinos who speak Spanish as a native language and the relevance that it brings to local contemporary culture.

Written and directed by Javier Ruescas, the documentary features Filipino Spanish speakers such as Premio Zobel Award winner Guillermo Gómez-Rivera, author and economist Benito Legarda Jr., anthropologist Fernando Zialcita, writer and historian Macario Ofilada and other prominent figures.

The screening is being presented by the Philippine-Spanish Friendship Day Committee, the Embassy of Spain, Instituto Cervantes and the Asociación Cultural Galeón de Manila. Entrance is free on a first-come, first-served basis.

Instituto Cervantes is at 855 T.M. Kalaw, Ermita, Manila.