



## CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES CHICAGO

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### **Consul General's Farewell Call to the Filipino Community during the Ika-31 *Pagkikita sa Konsulado***

The Consulate General of the Philippine's "*Ika-31 na Pagkikita sa Konsulado*" (monthly meet-up with members of the Filipino community in the Midwest) featured a "New Year Call on the Filipino Community by the Consul General" on 11 January 2018 at the *Kalayaan* Hall of the Consulate General.

The highlight of the *Pagkikita* was the farewell message from Consul General Generoso DG Calonge to the community. Consul General Calonge expressed his appreciation for the support Filipino community leaders and members had extended to him and the Consulate General throughout the years. He hoped that the same would be given to his incoming replacement.

Members of the community took turns in giving heartwarming remarks about their various experiences working with the Consul General. They also expressed their sincere thanks to the Consul General for his outstanding accomplishments and commitment as a public servant to the communities under his jurisdiction.

A surprise video clip on the major events the Consul General has attended was shown, together with the community events organized and participated in by the Consulate General.

To close the *Pagkikita*, Consul Ericka Anna T. Abad shared with the guests information on the upcoming activities of the Consulate.

In observance of a tradition in Filipino community gatherings, photo opportunities and a light reception concluded the evening's very productive event. **END**

Chicago, 16 January 2018





From left to right (seated): Ms. Grace Villamora, Consul Ericka Anna T. Abad, Consul Melchor P. Lalunio, Jr., Consul General Generoso DG Calonge, Deputy Consul General Romulo Victor M. Israel, Jr., Dr. Melinda Tolentino and Ms. Monina Cañete together with staff members of the Consulate General and members of the Filipino community. *Photo courtesy of Mr. Arnel Santiago.*