



CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES CHICAGO

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FilCom Meet Up with the Local Media Personalities in Chicago

The Consulate General of the Philippines in Chicago hosted a reception entitled, "Media Night at the Consulate General" on 21 January 2016, 5:30 PM, at the Kalayaan Hall of the Consulate General on its "14th Pagkikita sa Konsulado" for the month of January.

Print and TV media personalities present were (in no particular order) Ihman Esturco of the F Magazine, Donna Reyes of the *Fil-Am Now!*, Bart and Yoly Tubalinal of the Fil-Am Mega Scene, Joseph Lariosa of Journal Globalinks, Rogie Mallari and Ron Lim of The Filipino Channel (TFC), Veronica Leighton, Joe Mauricio, Elsie Sy-Niebar and Jovie Calma of Via Times/CPRTV.

In his opening remarks, Consul General Generoso DG Calonge acknowledged the vital role of the media in influencing public opinion that ultimately drives policymaking. He thanked Filipino-American media professionals for delivering right and timely information and contributing to the further education of the Filipino community.

The Consul General also took the opportunity to make important announcements and updates on Overseas Voting, which will take place from 09 April to 09 May 2016; the pending Congressional Gold Medal Act for Filipino Veterans of WWII, which still requires 39 sponsors/co-sponsors from the US Senate and 179 from the House of Representatives to pass; and a community outreach to be conducted by the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (WHIAAPI) Great Lakes Regional Network to be held on Saturday, 23 January 2016, 10:00 am in Elgin, Illinois focusing on Health Care and access to various federal and state programs and services.

Other reminders and announcements on different community projects and upcoming activities were also made by Ms. Almira Gilles of Gawad Kalinga, Ms. Racquel Hays of DIWA, Mr. Ruben Salazar of PACF, Mr. Jun Gavino of APO Midwest Chicago Alumni Association and Ms. Jade Cabagnot of the Harold Washington Library.

Photo opportunities and a light reception capped the evening's event.

Chicago, 22 January 2016





Consul General Generoso DG Calonge welcomed representatives from the local media with the Filipino-American community at the Kalayaan Hall.



Mr. Joseph Lariosa of Journal Globalinks expressed his appreciation to the Consulate and Consul General Calonge for holding a reception in recognition of the Filipino-American media practitioners in Chicagoland.



Consul General Generoso DG Calonge (center) and Deputy Consul General Romulo Victor M. Israel, Jr. (far right) with members of the media in the Midwest (from left): Ron Lim and Rogie Mallari of TFC, Joseph Lariosa of Journal Globalinks, Elsie Sy-Niebar, Veronica Leighton, Jovie Calma and Joe Mauricio of the VIA Times, Yoly and Bart Tubalinal of FilAm Mega Scene, and Donna Reyes of Fil-Am Now!