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**5TH MEET-UP AT THE CONSULATE TO FEATURE
U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION**

The Philippine Consulate General in Chicago will be having its 5th “Pagkikita sa Konsulado” on **Wednesday, 18 February 2015**, at 5:30 p.m. with the special participation of officers from the United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP).

Mr. Joseph Kolb, CBP Officer, will give a presentation on immigration and travel related policies and programs being implemented by the CBP. Ms. Diann Rodriguez, Deputy Assistant Director for Trade of CBP Chicago Field Office, will discuss basic export-import regulations, especially concerning commercial and personal shipments.

Consul General Generoso D.G. Calonge reiterates his invitation to Filipino community associations, as well as owners and operators of freight forwarding companies and other businesses, to attend and actively participate in the two-hour session.

Consul General Calonge also welcomes the opportunity of meeting new leaders and members of the community and highlights the importance of closer coordination and networking between the community and government authorities both on the Philippine and U.S. sides.

For confirmation, participants are requested to contact the Consulate at tel. no. **(312) 583-0621** ext. **21** and **13**, fax no. (312) 583-0647 or email at chicagopcg@att.net no later than February 16. Registration starts at 5:00 PM. **END**