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PH CONSUL GENERAL MEETS IOWA AGRICULTURE SECRETARY

On the sidelines of the 2018 Vorlaug World Food Conference held on October 17-19, 2018 in Des Moines, Iowa, Philippine Consul General Gina Jamoralin met with Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Michael Naig on October 18 in Des Moines to discuss how to further enhance economic cooperation between the State of Iowa and Philippines in the area of agriculture. Secretary Naig was joined by Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Julie Kenney during the call.

The Philippines is Iowa's 33rd largest export destination for its agricultural products such as pork, animal feed ingredients, soybean and soybean products. The meeting discussed ways on how to promote two-way trade and how the Philippines could benefit from investments in food and agricultural processing technologies that would benefit the Filipino farmer and to help promote two-way exports between lowa and Philippines. Iowa imports manufactured and semi-manufactured products from the Philippines.

Consul General Jamoralin also discussed possibilities of university linkages between lowa and Philippine universities in the field of agriculture. She also visited lowa State University's research and demonstration farm and the Department of Industrial Engineering.

Consul General Jamoralin also met briefly with United States Undersecretary for Agriculture Mr. Ted McKinney who was in Des Moines, Iowa for the 2018 Vorlaug World Food Conference. Undersecretary McKinney recently had a bilateral meeting with Agriculture Secretary Emmanuel Pinol in Washington DC last September.

GINA A. JAMORALIN Consul General

Chicago, 29 October 2018





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Left to Right: DepSec Julie Kenney, Mr. Joey Erandio (PCG staff), Consul General Jamoralin and Sec. Michael Naig



Consul General Jamoralin talking with Sec. Naig, DepSec Kinney and IEDA Director Mr. Joseph Rude





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Consul General Jamoralin with USDA Usec Ted McKinney (right) and Mr. Joseph Rude, IEDA



Consul General Jamoralin with Dr. Gul Kremer (left) Chair, Iowa State U Industrial Engineering Dept., Ms. Krista Briley, Administrative Specialist and Mr. Joseph Rude, IEDA official at Dr. Kremer's office

