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LAUNCHING OF THE 2019 VERY IMPORTANT *PINOY* (VIP) TOUR (FORMERLY AMBASSADORS' TOUR, NOW ON ITS 13TH YEAR)

The Consulate General of the Philippines in Chicago, in partnership with the Fil-Minnesotan Association (FMA), hosted the launching of the 2019 Very Important *Pinoy* (VIP) Tour on 17 November 2018 at the Philippine Center of Minnesota (PCM) in Maplewood, Minnesota.

Consul General Gina A. Jamoralin, in her opening remarks, encouraged the audience in the packed 150-seat capacity of PCM to join the 2019 VIP Tour. She presented and discussed the Tour's itinerary, which is scheduled to take place on 14-21 July 2019 featuring top destinations in Manila, Bataan, Clark and El Nido.

During the program, video clips showed community members who joined the last year's 12th Ambassadors' Tour giving testimonials about their experiences and inviting people to sign up for the tour.

The basic tour package, starting from USD 1,110 for triple sharing (excluding international and domestic afares), consists of a 2-night stay at Hilton Manila, overnight stay at Las Casas Filipino de Acuzar in Bataan, overnight stay in Clark Marriot Hotel and 3-night stay at Lio Estate Resorts/Casa Kalaw/Covo Hotel/Balai Adlao in El Nido; daily breakfast at the hotels, hosted dinner with special entertainment; services of English-speaking guides throughout the tour and wreath-laying ceremony at Rizal Park, Manila.

Formerly known as the Ambassadors' Tour, the VIP Tour will continue to be a flagship project of the Department of Tourism (DOT), Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) and Philippine Foreign Service Posts in the United States.

For more details about the Tour, the public may email ambassadorstour@rajahtours.com.ph or call the Cultural Section of the Consulate General at 312-583-0621 ext 13 or email at chicagopcg@att.net. **END**



Consul General Gina A. Jamoralin with Hon. Nora Slawik, Mayor of Maplewood, Minnesota (third from right) and Deputy Consul General Romulo Victor M. Israel, Jr. (second from left) at the opening of the launching of the 2019 Very Important *Pinoy* (VIP) Tour.



Consul General Gina A. Jamoralin delivers her welcome remarks during the launching of the 2019 Very Important *Pinoy* (VIP) Tour held at the Philippine Center in Maplewood, Minnesota.



Photo Op with Consul General Gina A. Jamoralin (center) with Deputy Consul General Romulo Victor M. Israel, Jr., and her team with Officers and members of the Fil-Minnesotan Association (FMA).