



CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES CHICAGO

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DIALOGUE ON IMMIGRATION AND DOMESTIC WORKERS' RIGHTS HELD AT THE PHILIPPINE CONSULATE GENERAL IN CHICAGO



Consul General Generoso D.G. Calonge (middle, standing), DCG Romulo Victor Israel Jr. and ATN Officer Anita Saldo are joined by Mr. Mike Aguhar, Esq., Executive Director, and members of the Alliance of Filipinos for Immigrant Rights and Empowerment (AFIRE) Chicago (Photo courtesy of Mr. Arneil Torres)

Consul General Generoso D.G. Calonge welcomed members of the Alliance of Filipinos for Immigrant Rights and Empowerment (AFIRE) Chicago at the Kalayaan Hall of the Philippine Consulate General in Chicago last Wednesday for a dialogue on their concerns and advocacies.

AFIRE members and consulate officials shared their views and concerns on the new executive issuances on immigration and promotion of the Illinois Domestic Workers' Bill of Rights that took effect early this year. Consul General Calonge discussed how the Consulate General responds and extends assistance in such cases that might involve Filipino nationals, in accordance with its mandate and with respect to relevant laws.

To reach and educate a wider audience in the Filipino community on the issues of immigration and rights of domestic workers, the Consulate General will combine efforts

with AFIRE through town hall meetings and other modes of cooperation with the support of other like-minded groups in civil society and legal community. **END**

