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PH CONSUL GENERAL JOINS LAUNCH OF 500-DAY COUNTDOWN TO 2021 QUINCENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE VICTORY AT MACTAN

Chicago 18 December 2019 – The Philippine Consulate General in Chicago joined the launch of the 500-day countdown to the 2021 Quincentennial Commemoration of the *Victory at Mactan* in the Philippines on Wednesday, at the Philippine Consulate General's Kalayaan Hall.

Consul General Gina A. Jamoralin officially led the launch of the 500-day countdown in Chicago by displaying the logo of the 500-Day countdown to the 2021 Quincentennial Commemorations and the ceremonial lighting of a Philippine parol or lantern. She stressed the historical importance and cultural significance of the 500th anniversary of the first circumnavigation of the world led by Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan, with a focus on the gallantry and spirit of freedom of Lapu-Lapu, ruler of Mactan Island, Cebu, during the 1521 Battle of Mactan against the Spaniards.

With the theme, *Victory and Humanity*, the National Quincentennial Committee (NCQ), has put together celebratory events leading to the 500th Anniversary of the Victory at Mactan to be celebrated in April 2021. **END**

