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## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE 5<sup>TH</sup> FILIPINO-AMERICAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM (FYLPRO)

The Consulate General of the Philippines in Chicago wishes to advise all prospective applicants that the search is on for the ten (10) outstanding next-generation Filipino-Americans who will participate in the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Filipino-American Youth Leadership Program (FLYPRO), which will be conducted in the Philippines from 24 November to 02 December 2016.

Launched in 2012 as a youth-oriented project of Philippine Ambassador to the United States Jose L. Cuisia, Jr. and Madam Ma. Victoria J. Cuisia, FYLPRO aims to tap outstanding young Filipino-Americans who possess a sincere desire to be engaged in their respective communities and be a part of the Philippines' growth story. The annual immersion program in the Philippines will afford them the opportunity to meet and dialogue with the highest officials and policymakers of the country, leaders of industry, legislators, media, artists and cultural experts, entrepreneurs (both traditional and social), as well as innovators in different fields.

The Philippine Embassy and Consulates General in the United States will conduct the search in the States under their respective jurisdictions for individuals who meet the following criteria:

- No younger than 25 years old and no older than 40 years old by 24 November 2016, the first day of the 2016 Immersion Program;
- Ready and capable of traveling to the Philippines, arriving in Manila by Wednesday, 23 November 2016 and departing no earlier than 02 December 2016;
- Demonstrated leadership skills within their school, community, workplace or other areas of involvement; and
- Have potential or demonstrated involvement in the Filipino Community, or in issues and/or activities that align with the interest of the Filipino-American community or the Philippines.

For the first time since FYLPRO's establishment, the application process is made accessible online through <http://fylpro.org/apply/>. The deadline for the submission of complete application is Sunday, 24 July 2016 at 11:59pm (Hawaii-Aleutian Time Zone).

In partnership with the Ayala Foundation Inc. (AFI) and the FYLPRO alumni association, the 5<sup>th</sup> FYLPRO hopes to continue to attract more high-performing young Filipino-American leaders who will be among the movers and shakers in the Filipino-American community. Much of the participants' expenses, including airfare,

accommodations, local transportation, and meals will be shouldered by program sponsors.

“Now on its fifth year, FYLPRO has proven to be quite effective in grooming new leaders who will shape the future not only of the Filipino-American community, but also of Philippine-US relations. The forty alumni have spearheaded many impactful projects and I strongly encourage all qualified young Filipino-Americans to add to their number,” Ambassador Cuisia said.

Questions may be directed to the Philippine Embassy’s FYLPRO focal person in Washington DC, Third Secretary and Vice Consul Darell Artates, at [darell.artates@philippinesusa.org](mailto:darell.artates@philippinesusa.org)

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