



## CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES CHICAGO

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### CONSUL GENERAL CALONGE RECEIVES CONGRESSMAN SCHNEIDER



*Consul General Generoso D.G. Calonge (left) with U.S. Representative Brad Schneider*

Consul General Generoso D.G. Calonge yesterday received at the Kalayaan Hall of the Philippine Consulate General in Chicago Congressman Bradly Scott Schneider and discussed the current state of Philippines-US and Illinois relations.

Congressman Schneider represents the 10<sup>th</sup> congressional district of Illinois where a population of almost ten thousand identify themselves as Filipinos and Filipino Americans.

In their discussion, they both expressed optimism on the future of the longstanding and close relations between the United States and the Philippines.

Looking back, they also touched on the history of the Philippine Commonwealth established under U.S. law. Led by President Manuel L. Quezon, the Philippines then opened its door to more than 1,200 Jews who were fleeing the Holocaust.

Consul General Calonge took the opportunity to convey an invitation for Congressman Schneider, who sits at the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, to join the PH-US Friendship Caucus at the 115<sup>th</sup> U.S. Congress and visit Manila. **END**

