



## CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES CHICAGO

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### **Chicago PCG's *Ika-26 Pagkikita sa Konsulado* Features Earthquake and Emergency Preparedness Briefing by Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) and Chicago Community Emergency Response team (CERT)**

The Consulate General of the Philippines in Chicago held a lecture discussion on earthquake preparedness, response and recovery and capabilities to respond to a crisis or disaster in a community as part of its "*Ika-26 Pagkikita sa Konsulado*," on 25 May 2017 at the Consulate's Kalayaan Hall.

Mr. Jimmy Thompson, Regional Coordinator of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA), and Mr. Richard Frizelis, Deputy of the Chicago Community Emergency Response team (CERT), and his team composed of Misses Josephine Mascarenas-Diaz and Maria Vergara, were the guest speakers for the 26<sup>th</sup> *Pagkikita*.

Mr. Thompson gave a presentation on earthquake preparedness, response and recovery and identified its potential hazards and vulnerabilities. A major goal of the forum is to impart information and to reduce the damage earthquakes may cause. Mr. Frizelis and his team provided basic disaster response skills and techniques when facing earthquakes and other calamities and emergencies.

Consul General Generoso D.G. Calonge, in his welcome remarks, thanked IEMA and CERT for sharing their knowledge that brought the Filipino community to a higher level of awareness, understanding and preparedness for earthquakes, other calamities and emergencies.

To close the *Pagkikita*, Consul Ericka Anna T. Abad shared with the guests information on upcoming activities of the Consulate in coordination with the Filipino community.

Photo opportunities and a modest reception, consisting of Filipino favorites including *fried lumpia* and *pancit palabok*, capped the evening's event. **END**

Chicago, 31 May 2017





Consul General Generoso DG Calonge delivers his welcome remarks before the presentation of Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) and Chicago Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) about earthquake and emergency preparedness at the Consulate's Kalayaan Hall. (photo courtesy of Mr. Arneil Torres of PCG)



Consul General Generoso DG Calonge (third from left) with (L-R) Consul Ericka Anna T. Abad, Deputy Consul General Romulo Victor M. Israel, Jr., CERT Representative Mr. Richard Frizelis, Ms. Maria Vergara, Ms. Josephine Mascarenas-Diaz, IEMA Regional Coordinator Mr. Jimmy Thompson and Consul Melchor P. Lalunio, Jr. (photo courtesy of Mr. Arneil Torres of PCG)