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CONSULATE GENERAL RENEWS MOU WITH EEOC

Chicago, 25 August 2017 – Consul General Generoso D.G. Calonge and Director Julianne Bowman of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) Chicago District Office today signed the Memorandum of Understanding that extends their collaborative partnership for two more years.

In his remarks, Consul General Calonge stressed the need for continued efforts for Filipinos in the Consulate General's jurisdiction to increase their awareness and appreciation of their rights against discrimination in the process of hiring and during their term of employment.

For her part, Director Bowman viewed with immense importance the partnership with the Consulate General in educating both workers and employers or business owners about their rights and obligations under pertinent provisions of the Civil Rights Act and other federal laws.

The EEOC exists, she said, to protect people who are treated differently in the workplace because of their sex, race, color, national origin and religion, as well as their age, pregnancy or disability and genetic information. She further mentioned that, through the EEOC's collaboration with the Consulate General, they had been able to reach out to the Filipino communities in different states.

From 2015 to 2017, the EEOC participated in 12 consular outreach services held in eight states within the jurisdiction of the Consulate General, which both Director Bowman and Consul General Calonge hope to sustain and expand in the next two years.

The signing ceremony, attended by officers and staff of the Consulate General and was open to the public, heralded the observance of the Labor Rights Week in the U.S. by the Consulate General in cooperation with its federal government partners. **END**





Consul General Generoso D.G. Calonge (seated, left) and EEOC Director Julianne Bowman (seated, right) are joined by DCG Romulo Victor Israel Jr. (8th from right), Consul Melchor Lalunio Jr. (7th from left), Mr. Daniel Lim (standing, middle), State and Local Coordinator of the EEOC Chicago District Office, staff members of the Philippine Consulate General in Chicago and members of the Filipino community. Photo courtesy of Ms. Christina D. Aquino of the Philippine Consulate General in Chicago.



Consul General Calonge and Director Bowman sign the MOU renewing their respective offices' working agreement from 2017 to 2019 (left); Director Bowman gives her remarks at the start of the signing ceremony, explaining the importance of the MOU and that she will also be representing other EEOC District Offices that are located within the consular jurisdiction of the Philippine Consulate General in Chicago (below, left); and Consul General Calonge and Director Bowman are assisted by ATN Officer Ceasar Balarbar in the ceremonial cutting of the cake which marks the renewal of the partnership of their agencies (below, right). Courtesy of Mr.



