



## CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES CHICAGO

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### **Chicago PCG Visits Bismarck to Provide Consular Services to Filipinos in North Dakota**

A team from the Philippine Consulate General in Chicago headed by Consul General Generoso D.G. Calonge conducted the Consulate's 6<sup>th</sup> outreach for 2016 in Bismarck, North Dakota on 27 August 2016.

The team delivered consular services, which included E-passport, notarials and dual citizenship, to more than 100 Filipinos in Bismarck and other neighboring areas in North Dakota.

A brief program, which included remarks by Consul General Calonge, Mr. Lito Crisolo, CFC-Regional Head, and Congressman Kevin Cramer, North Dakota's sole member in the House of Representatives, officially opened the outreach.

Mr. Crisolo, in his remarks, thanked Chicago PCG for conducting an outreach in North Dakota. Consul General Calonge, on the other hand, expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve *Kababayans* in North Dakota. He also looked forward to discussing with Congressman Cramer, later that morning, issues that are of interest to Filipinos and Filipino-Americans not just in North Dakota but also in the US. He also gave assurance that any positive development that will arise out of his meeting with Congressman Cramer will be shared with the Filipino community in North Dakota.

Congressman Kramer welcomed Consul General Calonge and his team to North Dakota. "We love our Filipino citizens and neighbors," said Congressman Cramer. He also informed those who were present in the outreach that the Philippine Consulate General in Chicago and his office are working closely together to address the needs and concerns of his Filipino and Filipino-American constituents in North Dakota. *END*





**From Left to Right: (L) Consul General Generoso Calonge swearing in the last batch of applicants for retention/re-acquisition of Philippine Citizenship; (R) Chicago PCG Team processing the E-passport applications of Filipinos in North Dakota.**  
*Photos courtesy of Mr. Cornelio Santiago*



**Leaders and members of the Filipino community in North Dakota posing for a group photo with Consul General Calonge and Congressman Kevin Cramer.**  
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