



## CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES CHICAGO

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### **Consul General Gina A. Jamoralin Meets the Members of the Filipino Association of Greater Kansas City (FAGKC)**

Consul General Jamoralin met the past presidents of the FAGKC in a welcome dinner hosted by the latter at Q39 Barbeque and Grill—a well-known food landmark in Overland Park, Kansas. It was the first time for the Consul General, who arrived in Chicago in February 2018, and the FAGKC to meet.

After the dinner, the party proceeded to the Filipino Cultural Center, a multi-purpose edifice, that Kansas City's Filipino Community calls its cultural home. The 5,400 square foot Center, which was inaugurated in 2000, is the Community's place for dance and choir rehearsals, venue for cultural presentations, exhibits, educational workshops, and social activities. It is also the place where Chicago PCG conducts its mobile consular services in Kansas City.

Led by Mr. Ernie Rosas, FAGKC's current President, the Association's members and the Consul General toured the building and the surrounding grounds. A lively rendition of Filipino songs by FAGKC's own Sampaguita Choir and serving of native desserts capped the evening.

FAGKC supports the *Philippine Medical Society of Greater Kansas City* (PMSGKC) and *Philippine Nurses Association of Greater Kansas City* (PNAGKC) which have been conducting medical missions to the Philippines since 1993. The Association is also a very active member of the Mid-America Asian Culture Association (MAACA)—a nonprofit organization in greater Kansas area whose goal is to “cultivate interest and attention for Asian cultures, and to connect, assist, and promote Asian-owned businesses”.

Consul General Jamoralin was in Kansas on 09-12 May 2018 to participate in the 2018 Asia Business Summit and MAACA Cultural Festival.

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28 May 2018





Past and present Presidents of the Filipino Association of Greater Kansas City (FAGKC) welcome Consul General Gina A. Jamoralin in Kansas City. **(1st row, L to R: Consul Melchor Lalunio, Jr., Ms. Amy Mesina, Consul General Gina A. Jamoralin, Dr. Lilian Pardo, and Dr. Manuel Pardo. 2nd row, standing L to R: FAGKC's current President Mr. Ernie Rosas, Mr. Rizvend Pecaña, Dr. Mila Tiojanco, Mr. Kevin Bautista, and Ms. Beth Roxas).**



Consul General Jamoralin (foreground right, in dark green) meets the members of the Filipino Association of Greater Kansas City (FAGKC) at the Filipino Cultural Center. The 5,400 square foot Center is the Filipino Community's place for dance and choir rehearsals, venue for cultural presentations, exhibits, educational workshops, and social activities.