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Philippine Social Security System (SSS) Officials Conducts Successful On-Site SSS Service and Briefing at the Consulate General

The Consulate General of the Philippines in Chicago hosted a community meeting with the Philippine Social Security System (SSS) on 28 November 2015, 10:00 AM, at the Kalayaan Hall of the Consulate General.

Chicago is the last leg of the SSS outreach activities in the United States after a visit to Los Angeles, San Francisco and Washington DC from 18-29 November 2015.

Officials from the SSS, led by President and CEO Emilio S. De Quiros, Jr., were present to conduct the on-site services and address the concerns of our *kababayans*.

The meeting drew a strong attendance from the community who availed themselves of the On-site Services and the briefing. Among the services rendered on that day were SSS registration for new members, reactivation of membership for existing members, enrollment in the flexi-fund program, member data amendment, annual confirmation of pensioners, and pensioner data amendment.

SSS President De Quiros and Senior Vice President for International Operations Judy Frances A. See discussed the current SSS services available for overseas Filipinos. Furthermore, the SSS flexi-fund program for overseas Filipino workers was also introduced. Said program is a fruition of the Philippine Government's objective to provide protection to labor whether it is located locally or overseas. It aims to reach out to Filipinos all over the world and offer to *kababayans* the social security program in the Philippines.

Flyers about the flexi-fund program and OFW coverage program were distributed during the event and will be posted to the Consulate's website. Questions may also be directed through email to the SSS at ofw.relations@sss.gov.ph.

A lively open forum ensued where the SSS officials and Consul General Generoso D.G. Calonge fielded questions from the community leaders and members of the local media. In the tradition of Filipino community gatherings, photo ops and a light reception capped the day's event.

Chicago, 02 December 2015





Consul General Generoso D.G. Calonge delivers the opening remarks at the On-site Outreach services of the Philippine Social Security System (SSS) to the Filipino-American community.



Mr. Joey Erandio of the Consulate General attends to the registration booth prior the briefing on Philippine SSS coverage programs for overseas Filipinos.



SSS President and CEO Emilio S. De Quiros, Jr. gave a presentation about the SSS coverage program to the Filipino-American community.