



CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES CHICAGO

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CONSUL GENERAL CALONGE MEETS WITH THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF OF U.S. REPRESENTATIVE RON KIND

On their way to a consular outreach in Minnesota, Consul General Generoso D.G. Calonge and a team from the Philippine Consulate General in Chicago made a stop at the District Office of U.S. Representative Ron Kind in La Crosse, Wisconsin last Thursday, December 14.

On behalf of Congressman Kind, Mr. Brad Pfaff, Deputy Chief of Staff, received Consul General Calonge and Deputy Consul General Romulo Victor Israel Jr.



Consul General Generoso D.G. Calonge with Mr. Brad Pfaff, Deputy Chief of Staff of U.S. Representative Ron Kind (D-3-WI) in La Crosse, Wisconsin (photo credit: PCG Chicago)

Consul General Calonge expressed appreciation and support for Rep. Kind's filing of HR 1520 or "Uniting Families Act of 2017," which seeks to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to enable children of US servicemen born abroad, including their spouses and children, to come into the U.S. with a new visa category and be reunited with their petitioning parents. The bill is expected to benefit Filipino Amerasians who are excluded from the Amerasians Homecoming Act.

He also conveyed an invitation for Rep. Kind to consider joining the bipartisan US-Philippines Friendship Caucus co-chaired by Congressmen Bobby Scott of Virginia and Steve Chabot of Ohio. They also discussed ways of enhancing people-to-people relations between the Philippines and the third congressional district of Wisconsin, home to around 1,257 Filipino-Americans, based on the 2010 US Census. **END**

