



# CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES CHICAGO

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## CONSUL GENERAL JAMORALIN ENGAGES WITH CONGRESSMAN ESTES AND MAYOR LONGWELL IN WICHITA

*Chicago, 06 August 2019* – Philippine Consul General to Chicago and the Midwest Gina A. Jamoralin last Saturday engaged Congressman Ronald Gene “Ron” Estes and Wichita Mayor Jeff Longwell in a cordial meeting alongside the consular outreach service at the Hampton Inn & Suites in Wichita, Kansas.



*Wichita Mayor Jeff Longwell welcoming Consul General Jamoralin*

Consul General Jamoralin discussed with Mayor Longwell the possibility of expanding Wichita’s four sister-city partnerships by including a suitable city in the Philippines. There are over 10,000 Filipinos/Filipino-Americans in the Sunflower State and Wichita, the state’s most populous city, is home to around 1,500 Filipinos/Filipino-Americans.



*Congressman Ron Estes and Consul General Jamoralin*

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With Congressman Estes, who represents the 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Kansas, Consul General Jamoralin discussed the strengthening of trade relations between the Philippines and Kansas particularly in the area of aviation industry and agriculture. She also broached the readiness of the robust and skilled manpower sector of the Philippines for greater participation in the U.S.' growing economy should it need to open more channels under its immigration system.



*(L-R) Mayor Longwell, Congressman Estes, Mrs. Susan Estes and Consul General Jamoralin*

The Consul General also extended an invitation for Congressman Estes to join the US-Philippines Friendship Caucus to promote a platform for bipartisan discussion of mutually beneficial issues between the two countries.



*(L-R) Mrs. Estes, Mayor Longwell, CG Jamoralin, Congressman Estes, DCG Israel and Mrs. Axman*

After their meeting, the two federal and local officials met with leaders and members of the Filipino American Association of Greater Wichita (FAAGW) with Mrs. Rose Axman, as their current president, as well as other officers and staff of the Philippine Consulate General, including Deputy Consul General Romulo Victor Israel Jr. and Consul Ryan Francis Gener, and other members of the outreach team: Ceasar Balarbar, Wenilyn Capote, Emmanuel Milante, Marivic Rivera and Jerwin Mamalateo. **END**