



## CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES CHICAGO

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### CALL FOR RENEWED FILIPINO COMMUNITY SYNERGY TO SUPPORT NEW FILIPINO IMMIGRANTS

*Chicago, 23 August 2019* – A consultation meeting held at the Philippine Consulate General in Chicago between Labor Attache Angela Librado-Trinidad and Filipino-American community organizations echoed a call for Filipinos in the Midwest to synergize efforts toward supporting underserved *kababayans*, especially those arriving and starting a new life in a new environment without the benefit of a familial support system.

Responding to the invitation of Consul General Gina A. Jamoralin, the Filipino Heritage Foundation from Omaha, Nebraska; Filipino American Community Council of Michigan (FILAMCCO); and Alliance of Filipinos for Immigrant Rights and Empowerment (AFIRE) Chicago came together to support such call.



*Labor Attache Angela Librado-Trinidad (seated at the center of the table) addressing the participants in the consultation meeting at the Philippine Consulate General in Chicago.*

At the same time, Filipino-American Mr. Bernard Ramos, Vice President of Educational Perspectives, a Chicago-based non-profit public service organization assisting non-US educated individuals in having their education recognized in the United States, signified their interest to cooperate on this endeavor. Ms. Mary Carmen Madrid-Crost of Madrid Crost Law Group likewise offered suggestions and collaboration with the community on legal forums on immigration, family relations and other legal issues.

The meeting was held shortly after a Post-Arrival Orientation Seminar conducted by the Consulate General for 27 Filipino teachers who arrived in Chicago recently to undergo a 3-5 years Exchange Visitor Program with the Chicago Public Schools.

A productive sharing of practices previously and currently practiced in the states the community leaders worked and lived in followed a presentation by Labor Attache Trinidad on the various mechanisms in place for the protection of Filipino workers abroad. She also explained how the Philippine government continues to undertake policy reflection and policy action to address emerging issues.

Consul General Jamoralin said, “I hope that community-driven efforts to reach out to, welcome and assist new Filipino immigrants avail themselves of existing resources would be renewed and sustained in all Midwestern states. But to get there we need to continue our dialogue and networking in this regard with like-minded groups and individuals.” **END**





*Consul General Jamoralin (seated, 4<sup>th</sup> from right) and Labor Attache Librado-Trinidad (seated, 3<sup>rd</sup> from right) with Ms. Ana Peery, President of FHF (seated, 3<sup>rd</sup> from left); Ms. Madrid-Crost of Madrid Crost Law Group (seated 2<sup>nd</sup> from right); DCG RV Israel Jr. (standing, extreme left); Mr. Alvar Rosales, Administrative and Legal Officer (standing, 2<sup>nd</sup> from left); Mr. Wilmar Suan, President of FILAMCCO (standing 3<sup>rd</sup> from left); and Mr. Bernard Ramos, Vice President of Educational Perspectives (standing, extreme right)*