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AKLANONS IN ILLINOIS GET TOGETHER TO WELCOME PHILIPPINE CONSUL GENERAL

The Aklanons of Illinois hosted a welcome dinner in honor of Philippine Consul General Gina Jamoralin and her family at the “*Kusina De Manila*” in Des Plaines, Illinois last September 15, 2018.

Consul General Jamoralin thanked the community for their hospitality and fellowship to organize an event that brings together the best among the people of Aklan. She narrated growing up in the town of Banga and finishing highschool in Kalibo, the provincial capital and eventually ending up as a career Philippine diplomat abroad.

Apart from the world-famous, Boracay beach in Malay, Aklan, Consul General remarked that Aklan is also known for the *pina* industry (pineapple fiber) and the *Ati-Atihan* Festival in Kalibo, Aklan celebrated every 3rd Sunday of January of each year. Consul General Jamoralin encouraged the Aklanons to reach out to other Aklanons in other US Midwest states and to actively participate in various Filipino-American community events in Illinois and in projects organized by the Philippine Consulate General in Chicago.

Consul General Jamoralin took the opportunity to invite them to the upcoming activities and events commemorating the Fil-AM History Month (FAHM) in October 2018 including the FAHM 2018 kick-off ceremony to be held on October 1, 2018 at Thompson Center in downtown Chicago.

The welcome event was coordinated by Ms. Nenette Macahilig-Solver, Mr. Ted Yapdiangco, Ms. Babyling Legaspi-O’Toole and other Aklanons. END



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Consul General Jamoralin delivering her thank-you speech.