



CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES CHICAGO

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CONSUL GENERAL OF CHICAGO DISCUSSES DOING BUSINESS IN THE PHILIPPINES IN WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS EVENT

The Consulate General of the Philippines in Chicago reports that Consul General Generoso D.G. Calonge was invited as the guest speaker during the recently held "Doing Business in Asia" Seminar hosted by the Women's Bar Association of Illinois last 12 January 2016 at the Masuda Funai Law Firm in Chicago, Illinois.

The Seminar was part of the annual Pre-Asian Lunar New Year celebrations. Aside from Consul General Calonge, other members of the panel were: Michael Chu, Ge Lei, Shizu Machino, Deborah Telman, and Han Zhang, all Asian-American lawyers based in Chicago.

In his speech, Consul General Calonge highlighted the gains made by the Philippine economy in recent years, informing his listeners that the country has earned "investment grade status" from several international credit rating agencies. Consul General Calonge explained that the economic boom was the result of the sound economic policies of recent administrations, where he also highlighted the economic program of President Aquino which was built around the premise that "good governance is good economics."

With a continued average economic growth of above 5% in the past five years, Consul General Calonge invited his listeners to consider investing in the Philippines, which is founded on sound economic fundamentals and a highly-skilled work force. He ended his talk with an invitation for all to visit the Philippines, whether for business or leisure.

The event was attended by members of the different Asian-American Law Organizations in Chicago. The current President of the Women's Bar Association of Illinois is Filipino-American Judge Jessica Arong O'Brien, a native of Cebu.

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Consul General Generoso D.G. Calonge (3rd from right) being awarded a plaque by Women's Bar Association of Illinois President Judge Jessica Arong O'Brien for being the featured guest speaker during the "Doing Business in Asia" Seminar. (*JGL photo by Mr. Joseph Lariosa, used with permission.*)



Consul General Generoso D.G. Calonge (right) with two Filipino-American judges: Cook County Circuit Judge Israel A. Disierto and Cook County Judge Jessica Arong O'Brien, president of the Women's Bar Association of Illinois. (JGL photo by Mr. Joseph Lariosa, used with permission.)