



## CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES CHICAGO

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### PHILIPPINE CONSULATE GENERAL IN CHICAGO RECEIVES SPECIAL CITATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Chicago, 20 January 2021 – The Philippine Consulate General in Chicago received a special citation from the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) in recognition of the Consulate’s exemplary contribution, commitment, and valuable assistance to the the DFA in providing responsive, timely and efficient repatriation services to overseas Filipinos during the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to the citation, “This exceptional dedication and commitment to protect the rights and promotion of welfare of overseas Filipinos by the officers and staff of the Consulate epitomizes one of the three pillars of Philippine Foreign Policy.”

The Philippine Consulate acknowledges the Honorable Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Teodoro L. Locsin, Jr. for his strong leadership and unconditional support to overseas Filipinos. The Consulate also recognizes the DFA Office of the Undersecretary for Migrant Workers Affairs (OUMWA) headed by Undersecretary Sarah Lou Y. Ariola and the Office of the Undersecretary for Civilian Security and Consular Affairs (OUCSCA) led by Undersecretary Brigido J. Dulay for their guidance and unwavering support.

Even as the Consulate’s work has been performed collectively by all personnel, special mention goes to former Consul General Gina A. Jamoralin for her leadership, Consul Ryan C. Pondoc for his supervision of the Assistance-to-Nationals (ATN) Section, and ATN Officer Ceasar A. Balarbar and Acting ATN Officer Emmanuel Jacob P. Milante for performing their duties well.

The Philippine Consulate also recognizes the efforts of Filipino community organizations and individuals who have contributed to the various humanitarian initiatives across the Midwest and provided assistance to distressed Filipinos in the region. As documented by the Consulate through the Task Force Midwest Bayanihan initiative, the spirit of Bayanihan has been alive and well during this pandemic, as the community has united to help and encourage one another through very difficult times. **END**



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This

**SPECIAL CITATION**


is presented to the

*Philippine Consulate General in Chicago*


In recognition of the Consulate's exemplary contribution, commitment and valuable assistance to the ongoing repatriation efforts of the Department in providing responsive, timely and efficient repatriation efforts in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This exceptional dedication and commitment to protect the rights and promotion of welfare of overseas Filipinos by the officers and staff of this Post epitomizes one of the three pillars of Philippine Foreign Policy.

Given this 23rd day of July 2020  
in the City of Pasay, Philippines.

  
**Teodoro L. Locsin, Jr.**  
Secretary of Foreign Affairs

Attested by:

  
Sarah Lou Y. Arriola  
Undersecretary, OUMWA

