



## CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES CHICAGO

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### PH CONSULATE GENERAL JOINS PIWC 2020 KICK OFF AND INDUCTION CEREMONY OF NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS

Chicago 14 January 2020 – The Philippine Consulate General graced the Kick-Off and Induction Ceremony of the Philippine Independence Week Committee (PIWC) Board of Trustees and Officers held at the Holiday Inn North Shore in Skokie, Illinois on Saturday, 11 January 2020.

On behalf of Consul General Gina A. Jamoralin, Consul Ryan Francis D. Gener administered the oath of office of the 2020 PIWC Officers led by Ms. Jetjet Gruezo as Overall Chairman and the Board of Trustees Executive Officers. Delivering an inspirational message as guest of honor, Consul Gener congratulated the PIWC for its continuing mission to celebrate Philippine Independence through its yearly Independence Day gala dinner event and other relevant activities. He also thanked PIWC for joining “Paskuhan sa Chicago 2019” as an active co-organizer and participant.

Consul Gener also shared that Consul General Jamoralin went to Manila, Bulacan and Nueva Ecija to join twelve Filipino-American youth leaders for the 2<sup>nd</sup> US Midwest Youth Leaders Immersion Program (YouLeaD 2) on January 3-9, 2020.

Consul Gener also invited the 300 participants to join the upcoming 2020 Very Important Pinoy Tour (VIP Tour) on July 19-26, 2020 in Manila, Iloilo and Boracay. He also encouraged all Filipinos, including dual citizens, to participate in the ongoing overseas voters’ registration and exercise their right to vote in May 2022.

The event also featured the parade of Beauty Queens and Guest Queens who wore traditional Filipiniana and regional ethnic attire. **END**





*Consul Ryan Francis D. Gener inducts the new set of officers of Philippine Independence Week Committee*



*Consul Gener delivering the inspirational message on behalf of Consul General Jamoralin during the kick off ceremony.*



Parade of Beauty Queens wearing Filipiniana and regional ethnic attire



*(Standing L-R) Mr. Lindy Tan, Mr. Froilan Cabrera, Consul Ryan Francis D. Gener, Mr. Noly Dulay, Mr. RJ Lagrosa, Mr. Joe Mauricio and Ms. Veronica Leighton (Seated L-R) Mr. RJ Turija, Ms. Joan Turija, Mr. Joseph Alcantara and Ms. Bridgit Au-Gener.*