



# CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES CHICAGO

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## PCG CHICAGO ORGANIZES A VIRTUAL POST-ARRIVAL ORIENTATION SEMINAR (PAOS) FOR FILIPINO TEACHERS IN ILLINOIS



Chicago, 08 March 2021 – The Philippine Consulate General in Chicago organized a virtual Post-Arrival Orientation Seminar (PAOS) last Saturday, 06 March 2021, for Filipino teachers employed by the Waukegan School District of the State of Illinois. The teachers arrived in Illinois last December and they are expected to work here for 3-5 years.

Their deployment to Illinois was made possible through the US Exchange Visitor Program (EVP) or the J1 Program.

During the virtual seminar, Consul and Acting Head of Post Ryan Francis Gener welcomed the participants and thanked the resource persons for joining the event. Assistant Labor Attache Maria Josephine Borrromeo gave a presentation on the duties and services of the Philippine Overseas Labor Office (POLO) in Washington DC, including contract verification and issuance of the Overseas Employment Certificate (OEC). After the POLO presentation, SSS Representative Marites Marin gave a presentation on the duties and services of the Social Security System (SSS) Office in San Francisco.

After the SSS presentation, Ms. Nettie Lasko talked about the duties and services of the Illinois Attorney General's Office in Chicago, while Mr. Timothy Allen Davison, a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), discussed briefly about US taxation matters.

Afterwards, Ms. Ana Karina Ortiz gave a presentation on the benefits of being a PAG-IBIG member, including the availment of housing and calamity loans. Likewise, Ms. Felisa Rosales gave a presentation on basic financial literacy and the services of the newly established Overseas Filipino (OF) Bank.

Closing the virtual seminar was Ms. Joanna Nacionales, a Filipino teacher employed by the Chicago Public Schools (CPS), who talked about her journey and experience as a teacher since arriving in Chicago in August 2019.

The Philippine Consulate General in Chicago previously held a virtual meet and greet with the Filipino teachers on 21 December 2020 or a few days after they arrived in Illinois. During the said meet and greet, Consulate officials discussed about the different consular services such as passport, notarials, civil registration and assistance to nationals. **END.**