



CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES CHICAGO

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PHILIPPINE CONSUL GENERAL WELCOMES NEW JAPANESE CONSUL GENERAL TO CHICAGO



Philippine Consul General Gina Jamoralin (4th from left) poses with Japanese Consul General Kenichi Okada (3rd from left). Joining them are Japanese Consuls Motohiro Hayami (left) and Yuri Kobayashi (2nd from left), and Philippine Consuls Ryan Gener (2nd from right) and Ryan Pondoc (right). (Chicago PCG/Arnel Santiago)

Chicago, 29 November 2019 – Philippine Consul General Gina A. Jamoralin welcomed new Japanese Consul General Kenichi Okada to Chicago during the latter's call at the Kalayaan Hall of the Philippine Consulate General on 6 February 2020.

Consul General Jamoralin and Consul General Okada, who is in charge of 10 Midwest states, discussed a wide range of topics of mutual concern, including Chicago Consular Corps activities, the Filipino and Japanese communities in the Midwest, the steps taken against the novel coronavirus outbreak, economic and cultural diplomacy efforts in the Midwest, bilateral economic relations and overseas development assistance of Japan (including humanitarian aid) to the Philippines, and the strong political ties of the two countries.

Consul General Okada is a career diplomat who had previously completed tours of duty in Beijing, Washington D.C., Seoul, Taipei and Shanghai. Prior to his assignment in Chicago, he served as Deputy Assistant Minister at the Minister's Secretariat, Consular Affairs Bureau, and Intelligence Analysis Service of the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs. **END**





(L-R): Japanese Consuls Hayami and Kobayashi, Japanese Consul General Okada, Philippine Consul General Jamoralin, and Philippine Consuls Gener and Pondoc. (Chicago PCG/Arnel Santiago)