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OF NEBRASKA-KEARNEY ON MIGRATION ISSUES

Consul General Gina Jamoralin shared with the students from the University of Nebraska –Kearney UNK) the Philippines’ experience with international refugees and its policy in protecting Filipino migrant workers during the James E. Smith Midwest Conference on World Affairs at the University of Nebraska-Kearney (UNK) on October 22, 2018.

With the conference theme, “The World in Crisis: A Call to Activism”, Consul General Jamoralin delivered her lecture on, “Philippine Refugee Policy and Migration Initiatives”. Under the session: “Migration and ASEAN: Movement, Prosperity and Welfare in Southeast Asia”, Consul General Jamoralin gave a narrative of the Philippines’ hundred year- experience in welcoming foreign refugees beginning from end of World War I when 800 Russians arrived in Manila from Vladivostok in October 1922 after the 1917 Revolution; before the outbreak of World War II when 1,200 European Jews fleeing the Nazi persecution were allowed sanctuary in the Philippines under President Manuel Quezon’s “Open Door” Policy; and between 1970 and 1990s when the Philippine government welcomed thousands of refugees from Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam and helped them prepare for eventual resettlement in third countries such as the United States, Australia and Canada. For this reason, the Philippine Refugee Processing Center opened in Morong, Bataan.

The Philippine presentation also touched on the Philippines’ role in the United Nations in negotiating with other UN members the final text of the Global Compact for Migration (GCM) on 13 July 2018 which will be formally adopted in Morocco in December 2018.

The UNK James E. Smith Midwest Conference on World Affairs, held every two years, opens an avenue of dialogue between the diplomatic community in the US Midwest and UNK students and the academic on burning issues of the day. The Philippine presentation comes at a time when migration remains a global phenomenon and Attendant economic, social and political aspects. The next UNK James Smith Conference will be in 2020.

Consul General Jamoralin also met with Dr. Charles Bicak, Senior Vice-Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs of the University of Nebraska –Kearney on the sidelines of the Conference and discussed possibilities of academic partnership between the UNK and the Philippines in the field of agriculture research. END
Consul General Jamoralin presenting the Philippine topic "Philippine Refugee Policy and Migration Initiatives" at the UNK James E. Smith Midwest Conference on World Affairs. To her left is Consul Fajar Yusuf of Indonesian Consulate in Chicago awaiting his turn. Philippines and Indonesia made their presentation under the session, Migration and ASEAN: Movement, Prosperity and Welfare in Southeast Asia".
Left to right: CG Jamoralin, Dr. Steven Duke, Associate Vice President for Global Strategy and International Initiatives, UNK; Dr. Po Hu, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Counselling & School Psychology, UNK (who acted as session moderator) and Indonesian Consul Fajar Yusuf

Consul General Jamoralin and other speakers socializing in between the sessions
CG Jamoralin with Dr. Charles Bicak, Senior Vice-Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs, University of Nebraska –Kearney