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FILIPINO COMMUNITY LEADERS MEETING ON TRANSFER OF CONSULAR JURISDICTION HELD IN OKLAHOMA CITY

Consul General Gina A. Jamoralin took the time during her official visit to Oklahoma on October 26 to discuss with Filipino community leaders the transfer of consular jurisdiction over the State of Oklahoma, together with three other southern states, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi, from the Philippine Consulate General in Chicago to the Philippine Consulate General in Houston.

The Consul General provided the community leaders representing four organizations copies of the joint advisory issued by the Philippine Consulates General in Chicago, Houston and Los Angeles, which lays down a transition period that will run until the end of the year.

Such working arrangement has been made by the consular offices to facilitate a seamless transition and avoid any inconvenience to the transacting public.

Authentication of public documents and civil registration, which includes Reports of Birth, Marriage and Death, normally follow the jurisdictional division of consular missions in a country like the U.S. But Consul General Jamoralin clarified that consular services may be availed of in Chicago during this period by Filipinos residing in the four affected states who may be unaware of the reopening of the Consulate General in Houston.

The Consul General further informed the community leaders of the official meetings she had earlier in the afternoon with Congressman Steve Russell, Oklahoma Secretary of Agriculture Jim Reese and Oklahoma Department of Commerce officials to likewise pave the way for the turn-over of the functions of the Consulate General in Chicago to Houston.

She expressed appreciation for the community’s support to the Consulate General’s outreach services and other projects in the past and thanked Dr. Ted Tolentino and Mrs. Marcy Tolentino for the couple’s generous assistance on the first and busiest day of her official visit to Oklahoma. END
Seated (L-R): DCG Romulo Victor Israel Jr., Consul General Gina A. Jamoralin and Dr. Edward Co, President of the Philippine Medical Association in Oklahoma. Dr. Ted Tolentino (standing first from left) join the other members of PMAO, which regularly conducts medical missions in the Philippines.

Mila Ireland, current president of the Filipino Friends for Filipinos or F4, is seated beside Consul General Jamoralin. Mrs. Marcy Tolentino, one of F4’s founding officers, is seen standing second from left with other members of the all ladies’ organization.
Jenny Joy Ramnath, President of the Filipino American Association in Northeast Oklahoma (FAANO), with her husband Rawl Ramnath in a photo opportunity with Consul General Jamoralin after the FilCom leaders meeting at Grand China Bistro in Oklahoma City.

Filipino American Association in Lawton-Fort Sill is represented by Racquel Colburn, President, who is joined by her husband in this photo with Consul General Jamoralin. Fort Sill is a U.S. Army post first built during the Indian Wars and is home to the U.S. Army’s Field Artillery School.