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Chicago PCG Observes the 18-day Campaign to End Violence Against Women

In support of the Philippine government's 18-day Campaign to End Violence Against Women (VAW) from 25 November to 12 December 2018, the Philippine Consulate General in Chicago partnered with the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (WHIAAPI) Great Lakes Regional Network to conduct a community roundtable on federal programs for women on 11 December 2018 at Chicago PCG's Kalayaan Hall.

Consul General Gina A. Jamoralin officially opened the community roundtable by informing the participants about the Philippines' 18-Day Campaign to End VAW and the ongoing cooperation between Chicago PCG and WHIAAPI on projects that aim to better the lives of Filipinos and Filipino-Americans in the Midwest.

Consul General Jamoralin's opening remarks was followed by presentations from eight (8) participating federal agencies, namely, the General Services Administration (GSA), Small Business Administration (SBA), Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA), Social Security Administration (SSA), Department of Health and Human Services' Office of the Regional Health Administrator (DHHS OASH), Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). The presentations focused on services that are available to women entrepreneurs and workers through the aforementioned federal agencies.

Deputy Consul General Romulo Victor M. Israel, in his closing remarks, encouraged FilCom organizations to partner with WHIAAPI and organize similar events in the future for the benefit of their *kababayans* in the US.

Members of the Filipino community in Chicago, who joined the community roundtable, had the opportunity to consult with the representatives of the participating federal agencies after the program of the event concluded. **END**

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In observance of the Philippines' 18-Day Campaign to End Violence Against Women (VAW), the Philippine Consulate General in Chicago, led by Consul General Gina A. Jamoralin (center), partnered with the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (WHIAAPI) Great Lakes Regional Network to conduct a community roundtable on federal programs for women on 11 December 2018 at Chicago PCG's Kalayaan Hall.

Standing (L-R): Deputy Consul General Romulo Victor M. Israel, Jr.; Mr. Darnell Crenshaw, OSHA; Mr. Doug Nguyen, SSA; Mr. Mark Ferguson, SBA; Mr. Mr. Jerry Zhang, EEOC; and Mr. George Mui, MBDA.

Seated (L-R): Ms. Gina Rodriguez, HUD; Consul General Jamoralin; and Ms. Ms. Phyllis Smith (SSA).

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Consul General Jamoralin, officers of Chicago PCG, officers of WHIAAPI, representatives of eight (8) participating federal agencies and members of the Filipino community in Chicago pose for a souvenir photo after the community roundtable on federal programs for women.

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