



## CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES CHICAGO

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### PH CONSUL GENERAL INDUCTS INCOMING OFFICERS OF THE PHILIPPINE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION OF GREATER ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Philippine Consul General Gina Jamoralin administered the oath of office of the incoming officers and Board members of the Philippine Medical Mission of Greater St. Louis, Philippine Medical Mission Women's Auxiliary and the Philippine Medical Mission Foundation on Saturday, December 8, 2018 at Hilton Frontenac in St. Louis, Missouri. The event which adopted a Hawaiian-style "luau" was organized in honor of Dr. Necita Roa, the former president of PMA of Greater St. Louis, who passed away this year.

Consul General Jamoralin, in her speech, paid tribute to Dr. Necita Roa, a tireless and dedicated Filipino-American doctor who led her organization to various medical and surgical missions in the Philippines as her group's way of giving back to the motherland. Consul General Jamoralin thanked the current President Dr. Teresita Castillo and welcomed the incoming one, Dr. Proceso Arenos.

Consul General Jamoralin also invited the members to join her in the Philippines for the upcoming Very Important Pinoy (VIP) Tour and Pilgrimage on 14-21 July 2019 to visit Manila, Bataan, Clark and Palawan. She also thanked the Filipino-American Association of Missouri (FAAMO) through its president, Mrs. Ronni Watkins, for supporting the joint project of the Philippine Consulate in Chicago and Commission of Filipinos Overseas (CFO) called the "Midwest Youth Leaders in Diaspora (You-Lead) by sending a young participant from Missouri to join the immersion trip in the Philippines in January 2019.

During her trip to St. Louis, Consul General Jamoralin took time to visit the Missouri History Museum, the Ulysses Grant Historical Site and the National Archives in Missouri. At the Missouri History Museum, she viewed photos of early Filipinos and their costumes who participated in the famous St. Louis World's Fair held in St. Louis, Missouri from April 30 to December 1, 1904. The 1904 Fair featured a Philippine Pavilion, the largest and most popular exhibit at the Fair, involving more than 1,000 Filipinos from various ethnic groups in the country.

The Philippine Consulate General plans to do a consular outreach in St. Louis next year in response to various requests from the Filipino communities. There are an estimated 18,000 Filipinos living in the state of Missouri. **END**





Consul General Jamoralin greeting everybody "Aloha" and delivering her remarks.



Consul General Jamoralin inducting the incoming officers of PMA Greater St. Louis and other groups.





Left-right: Mrs. Maria Crisologo-Alikhan, President of the Philippine Community Center Inc. St. Louis; Consul General Jamoralin, Mrs. Arenos and Dr. Proceso Arenos, incoming PMA Greater St. Louis president.