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PHILIPPINE OFFICIALS DISCUSS WAYS TO PROMOTE TOURISM TO FILIPINO-AMERICANS IN THE MIDWEST



Consul and Acting Head of Post Ryan Francis D. Gener (3rd from L) with (L-R) Consul Ryan C. Pondoc, Tourism Attaché Francisco Lardizabal and Consul Mevin C. Almoguera. (Photo by Richard Osea/Chicago PCG)

Chicago, 02 September 2019 – Consul and Acting Head of Post Ryan Francis D. Gener, Consuls Ryan C. Pondoc and Melvin C. Almoguera, Cultural Officer Noly C. Dulay, and Tourism and Trade Assistant Joey Erandio met with New York-based Tourism Attaché Francisco Lardizabal on 26 August 2021. Mr. Lardizabal was in town to participate in the American Society of Travel Advisors (ASTA) Global Convention held in Chicago on 23-25 August 2021.

During the courtesy call, the officials explored ways to continue promoting Philippine tourism particularly to Filipino-Americans and their immediate family members in the Midwest, as they can enter the Philippines visa-free using the Balikbayan privilege amid travel restrictions imposed on foreign nationals during the pandemic. They also discussed ways to keep the Philippines top-of-mind of foreign tourists affected by current restrictions. **END**





Officials of the Philippine Consulate General in Chicago (L-R: Consul Pondoc. Consul & AHOP Gener, Mr. Erandio and Mr. Dulay) discuss tourism promotion initiatives with Tourism Attache Lardizabal (3rd from right) at the Consulate premises. (Photo by Richard Osea/Chicago PCG)