



# CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES CHICAGO

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## Interview with Philippine Consul General of Chicago by Via Times/CPRTV

As part of the Philippine Consulate General in Chicago's public diplomacy advocacy, Philippine Consul General Gina Jamoralin granted a live interview with Ms. Veronica Leighton, publisher of Via Times News Magazine and CPRTV channel (Chicago Philippine Reports TV) on March 14, 2019. Assisting during the interview was Mr. Joe Mauricio.

Ms. Leighton began the interview by asking Consul General Jamoralin of how the latter felt about her assignment in Chicago especially immediately coming from tropical state such as Hawaii, her previous assignment. Consul General Jamoralin described how warm and friendly the Filipino-Americans in the Midwest just like those in Hawaii and everywhere and in fact she felt at home immediately despite arriving in Chicago in the middle of winter at the end of January 2018.

The interview dealt also on the various community projects initiated by Consul General Jamoralin since she arrived in Chicago. Two of these projects, "*Paskuhan sa Konsulado and Simbang Gabi*" held on December 15, 2018 and the "*Midwest Youth Leaders in Diaspora Immersion Program*" (in cooperation with the Commission of Filipinos Overseas) held in the Philippines on January 2-9, 2019 in the Philippines, were well received by the Filipino communities in the Midwest such that the Philippine Consulate General plans to implement them every year. She also appealed to the registered overseas Filipino voters in the United States to cast their votes between April 13 up to May 13 for the upcoming May 13 general elections in the Philippines through their respective Philippine foreign service posts which will conduct overseas postal voting.

Consul General Jamoralin also spoke about the Philippine economy which is one of the fastest growing economies in Asia and the economic flagship program of President Duterte on infrastructure, the "Build, Build, Build" which aims to attract massive foreign investments in infrastructure in the Philippines. **END**



Ms. Veronica Leighton interviewing Consul General Gina Jamoralin

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