



## CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES CHICAGO

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### Iowa Economic Development Authority's (IEDA) Mr. Joseph A. Rude Calls on Consul General Gina A. Jamoralin

Consul General Gina A. Jamoralin met Mr. Joseph Rude of Iowa's International Trade Office on 14 March 2018 at the Philippine Consulate General in Chicago to discuss specific areas of commercial interests and interaction between the Philippines and Iowa.

Mr. Rude expressed his appreciation for the very fruitful discussion and invited Consul General Jamoralin to visit Iowa to meet the State's highest officials and to have one-on-one discussions with Iowa's scientists, members of the academe, and entrepreneurs.

The Philippines is Iowa's 33<sup>rd</sup> largest export destination for its agricultural products topped by pork, animal feed ingredients, animal vaccines, beef, and distillers dried grains with solubles (DDGS), while the Philippines exports machineries (components), integrated circuits, lamps and lighting, liquid-dispersing equipment, and aluminum structures to Iowa.

With about 80% of the State's economy devoted to agri-production, Iowa is one of the U.S.' top producers of grains, meat and dairy products, and animal feed.

The Philippines and Iowa have robust commercial deals and cooperation in agriculture-related products and technology. In 2012, an Agri Production and Trading Team from the Philippines visited Iowa to learn about U.S. agriculture.

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**Meeting between Consul General Jamoralin and Mr. Joseph Rude of the International Trade Office, Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA). (L to R: IEDA Marketing Manager Mr. Joseph Rude, Consul General Gina A. Jamoralin, and Chicago PCG Consul and Economic Officer Melchor P. Lalunio, Jr. Photo courtesy of Cornelio P. Santiago)**