



# CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES CHICAGO

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## FILIPINOS THANKFUL FOR CONSULAR OUTREACH IN IOWA

Consular clients, consisting of Filipinos and Filipino-Americans, expressed appreciation to the Consulate General for the conduct of the outreach mission in Iowa on 30 October 2021. The Consulate held said event for passport and dual citizenship services at the Cedar Rapids Public Library (Whipple Auditorium), 450 5<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52401, in collaboration with the Filipino-American Association of Cedar Rapids (FAACR).

One of the clients, Ms. Girlie Eldridge, said that her travel time was cut down for at least four (4) hours compared to driving directly to the Consulate General in Chicago. She drove all the way from Olathe City, Kansas, a neighboring State of Iowa. Most clients during the one-day event are residents of Iowa but a few came from Kansas and even South Dakota.



*Consul Almuquera administering the Oath of Allegiance of dual citizenship applicants*

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The outreach team, headed by Consul Melvin Almonguera, provided a total of 101 consular services. FAACR's officers and volunteers, led by Ms. Annalyn Elloren, supported the outreach team, providing logistical and crowd-control assistance.



*The outreach team with the FAACR's officers and volunteers before the start of the activity*



*The passport photo of a 5-year old applicant being captured*

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The event was the Consulate's fifth outreach mission following the resumption of said activities in June 2021. It regularly holds outreach services to get closer to Filipino and Filipino-American communities outside of Illinois.

For updates on consular outreach activities, Filipino and Filipino-American communities in the Midwest may visit the Consulate's official website ([www.chicagopcg.com](http://www.chicagopcg.com)) and its Facebook page (@PHinCHICAGO). END

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