



## **CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES CHICAGO**

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### **NEW PHILIPPINE CONSUL GENERAL ASSUMES POST IN CHICAGO**

Chicago, 01 December 2021 – The Philippine Consulate General in Chicago is pleased to announce that Ms. J. Susana Villar Paez, Chief of Mission Class II, officially assumed her duties and responsibilities as Consul General on 20 October 2021. She succeeded former Consul General Gina A. Jamoralin, who ended her tour of duty in Chicago on 05 November 2020.

Prior to her assignment in the Windy City, Consul General Paez has served in various positions in the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) and other Foreign Service Posts since 1997. She was previously assigned at the Philippine Consulate General in Toronto, Canada as Consul and served as Acting Head of Post (2010-2011) and then as Deputy Consul General (2011-2016). She was also assigned at the Philippine Consulate General in Xiamen, China as Consul (2002-2008).

In DFA Manila, she served as Executive Director and subsequently as Assistant Secretary in the Office of International Economic Relations. She was a member of the Board of Directors of Tourism Board Promotion, as well as Deputy Alternate Representative of the Philippine Organizing Committee in World Exposition Dubai 2020. She also served as a Director at the Office of Asian and Pacific Affairs and the Office of Middle East and African Affairs.

Consul General Paez is a graduate of the University of the Philippines with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. She also studied Medicine at the University of the East Ramon Magsaysay Memorial Medical Center. She passed the Foreign Service Officer's Examination in 1996 and has undergone extensive training in diplomacy and management.

She has now taken the helm of the Philippine Consulate General in Chicago, which has consular jurisdiction over twelve (12) Midwest states, namely: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin. The Philippine Consulate General is committed to serving approximately 350,000 Filipinos and Filipino-Americans in the US Midwest.

During her tour of duty in Chicago, Consul General Paez looks forward to advancing Philippine interests in the US Midwest and to strengthening ties with the twelve states. She is also keen on meeting and working closely with government officials, the Chicago consular corps, business groups, and the Filipino and Filipino-American communities.

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