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PHILIPPINE CONSULATE HOLDS SUCCESSFUL CONSULAR OUTREACH IN FAIRFIELD, OHIO



Consul Ryan Gener (back row, 5th from right) joins dual citizenship petitioners as they proudly display their respective oaths of allegiance to the Philippines during the consular outreach in Fairfield, Ohio on 4 May 2019.

6 May 2019 Chicago – The Philippine Consulate General in Chicago, in partnership with the Filipino American Association of Southern Ohio (FASO), extended its consular services to 136 clients during an outreach in Fairfield, Ohio on 4 May 2019.

The outreach, which was held at the office of Guinigundo & Guinigundo CPA's Inc., provided e-passport, civil registration, and notarization and authentication services to 108 members of the Filipino-American community. The Consulate also processed 28 applications for dual citizenship.

Led by FASO President Dr. Emmanuel Butch Rivera, former President Bill Guinigundo and Atty. Billy Guinigundo, the organization's leaders and members served as volunteers, ensuring the smooth and orderly conduct of operations and logistical activities. A number of applicants came from as far as Kentucky and West Virginia. Clients expressed appreciation for the timely and responsive services provided by the Consulate with the support of FASO.



*Standing (L-R): Ceasar Balarbar, Arnel Santiago, Jerwin Mamalateo, Weni Capote and Fritz de Jesus.
Seated (L-R): Dr. Butch Rivera, Consul Ryan Gener, Atty. Billy Guinigundo and Mr. Bill Guinigundo*

Led by the Consul Ryan Francis Gener, the consular team was composed of Messrs. Ceasar Balarbar, Jerwin Mamalateo, Cornelio Santiago and Fritz John de Jesus and Ms. Wenilyn Capote.

During the formal program to start the outreach, Consul Gener delivered remarks on behalf of Consul General Gina A. Jamoralin. He gave a presentation on the 2nd Midwest Youth Leaders in Diaspora (YouLeaD II) Immersion Program slated for 03-09 January 2020 and open to Filipino-Americans, 18-25 years old, to rediscover their roots in the process of becoming future community leaders. He also called for overseas voters to exercise their right and duty to vote in the ongoing Philippine elections.

In continuation of the partnership between the Consulate General and U.S. federal agencies, Mr. Brien Shomaker, Supervisor and Investigator at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) Indianapolis Office spoke about the EEOC's mandate and services in protecting workers' rights and combating discrimination in the workplace. Some consular clients inquired about EEOC's services at its booth set up during the event. Consulate officials and FASO officers touched base with Mr. Shoemaker for possible assistance in case members of the Filipino-American community in the area would need help in the future.

Dr. Rivera and Mr. Guinigundo also invited the community to actively participate in FASO's events and activities, including the *Pista sa Nasyon* to be held at the Annunciation Church, Klug Center in Clifton, Ohio on 18 May 2019. **END**



Cesar Balarbar (R) (left photo) and Arnel Santiago (L) (right photo) processing passport applications.



Fritz de Jesus (L), Weni Capote (2nd from left, left photo) and Jerwin Mamalateo (L, right photo) serving clients.



*Left photo: The consular outreach team poses with FASO officers and members who served as volunteers.
Right photo: Brien Shoemaker of EEOC explaining the mandate and functions of his office.*