



# CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES CHICAGO

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## PH CONSUL GENERAL CALLS ON FILIPINOS IN THE US MIDWEST TO VOTE

During the interview by UNTV North America last April 30, 2019 at the Philippine Consulate in Chicago, Consul General Gina Jamoralin appealed to all registered overseas Filipinos in Chicago and in the Midwest to go out and vote during the month-long overseas voting period for the May 13 Philippine elections which began on April 13 and will end on 5:00 AM of Sunday, May 13, 2019 (local time). She urged those who already received their ballots to return their accomplished ballots by mail or to personally bring their ballots to the Philippine Consulate before the May 13 deadline. Consul General Jamoralin was pleased to note that the Philippine Consulate has not encountered major problems in the preparing and mailing the ballots in a timely manner. She explained that there would be no reason for registered voters not to receive their ballots except if they move to a new address or the ballots got lost in the mail which could result in ballots being returned back to the Philippine Consulate marked "RTS" (return-to-sender). For this reason, she reminded Filipino registered voters those who have not yet received their ballots after April 13 up to the present to check with the Philippine Consulate by email or phone call if their names are included in the RTS list posted in the Consulate website. Those in the RTS list have the option to request the Consulate to forward the ballot to their new addresses or to personally pick up their ballots.

The interviewer, Ms. Kathleen Carriedo, posed questions about the Philippine Consulate in general including the states under its consular jurisdiction, the services provided, the types of assistance for distressed Filipinos and newly arrived Filipinos in Illinois and other Midwest states and about the Consulate's economic and cultural diplomacy projects.

Consul General Jamoralin, briefed UNTV team of the Consulate's project which it initiated last year to reach out to the Filipino-American millennials in the Midwest: the US Midwest Youth Leaders in the Diaspora Program (Midwest You Lead II) now on its second year. The program, a joint effort of the Philippine Consulate Chicago and the Commission of Filipinos Overseas (CFO) invites Fil-Am youth aged 18-25 years old for a week-long immersion experience and cultural awareness in the Philippines to help develop them as future leaders of the Filipino communities in the US. Midwest YOU-LEAD II is scheduled on January 3-9, 2020 and applications are now being accepted until July 19, 2019.

The UNTV team who visited the Consulate was composed of Mr. Christopher de Leon, Kathleen Carriedo, Nicko Chicano, Sherry de Leon, Marie Lacson, Edwin Manarang and Miguel de Leon. Consul General Jamoralin was assisted by Deputy Consul General Romulo Victor Israel Jr. **END**





Consul General Jamoralin replying to questions by Ms. Kathleen Carriedo,UNTV (right) while Deputy Consul General Romulo Victor Israel ( left) and Mr. Christopher de Leon, UNTV (with his back shown ) listened .



Group photo with UNTV Team-North America at the Philippine Consulate