



CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES CHICAGO

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Consul General Gina A. Jamoralin Meets Kansas State Governor Jeff Colyer and Mayors of Topeka (Kansas) and Kansas City (Missouri)

Together with the Consuls General of China, India, Indonesia, Pakistan, and Bangladesh's Commercial Counselor, Consul General Jamoralin met with Governor Jeff Colyer (R) of Kansas State at the State's Capitol on 10 May 2018.

The 47th governor of Kansas welcomed his international visitors and expressed his wish that their visit will "definitely not be their last." Saying Kansas "has been and will always be open to anybody who is looking to grow opportunity," Gov. Colyer encouraged his visitors to bring business or make use of the simplified import trading procedures that Kansas had initiated.

During the meeting, Consul General Jamoralin had the opportunity to inform Gov. Colyer that the Philippines is one of Kansas' top 20 export destination countries since 2014. Consul General Jamoralin also assured the Governor that trade between Kansas and the Philippines is expected to grow, since the U.S. continues to be the Philippines' number one supplier of agricultural products, and the Philippines is its tenth largest market in the world. Kansas is a recognized leader in agriculture in the U.S.

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Consul General Jamoralin was in Kansas on 09-12 May 2018 to participate in the 2018 Asia Business Summit and MAACA Cultural Festival. During the period, the Consul General met local and State officials from Missouri and Kansas, including Mayor Sly James (Kansas City, Missouri) and Mayor Michelle De La Isla (Topeka, Kansas)

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Consul General Jamoralin (L) with Kansas City, Missouri Mayor Sly James at the sidelines of the 2018 Asia Business Summit Welcome Dinner hosted by the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) of Kansas City, Missouri on 10 May 2018.



Consul General Jamoralin (L) with Topeka City (Kansas) Mayor Michelle De la Isla during the 2018 Asia Business Summit Welcome Luncheon hosted by the Rotary Club of Topeka on 10 May 2018.