



CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES CHICAGO

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CONSUL GENERAL OF CHICAGO ATTENDS CONSULAR CORPS COLLEGE SYMPOSIUM IN WASHINGTON DC

Chicago Consul General Generoso D.G. Calonge attended the Consular Corps College Symposium at the State Department in Washington DC from 18-20 November 2015.

The three-day symposium was attended by around sixty (60) members from the Consular Corps, both career and honorary, from around the United States. The attendees to the symposium were welcomed by The Honorable Mauro Kolobaric, Dean of the Consular Corps College. Representing the Philippines were Consul General Generoso D.G. Calonge (Chicago), First Secretary and Consul Katrina Borja-Martin of the Philippine Embassy, Dr. Henry Boland Howard, Philippine Honorary Consul in Florida, and Mr. Roberto G. Romero, Philippine Honorary Consul in Louisiana.

Highlights of the symposium were the visit to the Foreign Service Institute of the State Department, where the participants were able to witness how US diplomats are trained in consular work, such as: mock visa interviews, the conduct of prison visits, promotion of trade and investments, among others. Also present to speak to the attendees was the Director of the Office of Foreign Missions, Ambassador Gentry Smith. Closing the three-day symposium was Ambassador Patrick F. Kennedy, Undersecretary for Management of the US State Department.

It is expected that the symposium will attract more participants in the coming years as the State Department appears ready and willing to continue to welcome its activities and programs. There were twice more delegates this year compared to last year's.

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Representatives from the Philippines (from left): Dr. Henry Boland Howard, Consul a.h. (Florida); Mr. Roberto G. Romero, Consul a.h. (Louisiana); Consul General Generoso D.G. Calonge (Chicago); and First Secretary and Consul Katrina Borja-Martin of the Philippine Embassy's Consular Section.



The Honorary Consul of Ethiopia with Consul General Generoso DG Calonge.