



CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES CHICAGO

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CONSULAR OUTREACH SERVICE HELD IN DAYTON, OHIO

Chicago, 15 July 2019 – Carrying on its mission to serve Filipino communities across the Midwest, the Philippine Consulate General held its fifth consular outreach for the year at the Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio on Saturday.

In collaboration with the National Federation of Filipino American Associations (NaFFAA) Region 3-East, under the Chairmanship of Mr. Armin Sayson, a six-person team led by Deputy Consul General Romulo Victor M. Israel, Jr. was able to process 141 e-Passport applications and 39 dual citizenship applications aside from 25 various documents submitted for legalization.

As part of the Consulate's working arrangements with U.S. federal agencies, Mr. Brien Shoemaker, Outreach Education Coordinator for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) and Mr. Joseph Tansino, Attorney for the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), spoke about their respective agencies' mandates and functions for the protection of workers' rights. They also made themselves available for consultation and dissemination of informational materials.

The event saw the special participation of Ms. Daphne Constantinides, 19 years old, of Greek-American and Filipino descent. One of the 12 pioneers of the Midwest Youth Leaders in the Diaspora (YouLeaD) Immersion Program, she spoke about her own experience and insights on discovering her Filipino heritage, expressing thanks for the opportunity of visiting her mother Elizabeth's homeland and making connections with fellow Filipino-American millennials from the Midwest and fellow sojourners on their way to more active involvement in their communities.

Deputy Consul General Israel also played a video presentation on and made a pitch for the 2nd Midwest YouLeaD slated for 03-09 January 2020 in Manila, Bulacan and Nueva Ecija echoing a call for aspiring Fil-Am youth leaders, 18-25 years old, to join the immersion program. He also announced the upcoming Philippine Retirement Summit to be held on Saturday, August 10, at Elston Place Market Mix (beside Seafood City), Chicago where the Philippine Retirement Authority (PRA), Social Security System (SSS) and the Home Development Mutual Fund (HDMF), more popularly known as Pag-IBIG will be making presentations and bringing their services for the Filipino community and the general public. **END**





Above: Successful dual citizenship applicants proudly showing their documents after the oath-taking ceremony administered by DCG RV Israel Jr. Below (left to right): Ms. Daphne Constantinides sharing her experiences with the first Midwest YouLead Immersion Program; Mr. Brien Shoemaker from EEOC explaining workers' rights against various forms of discrimination; and Mr. Joseph Tansino from NLRB speaking about concerted activity and other rights protected under the National Labor Relations Act.





The Philippine Consulate General team serving applicants for e-Passport and legalization of their documents at the Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio on Saturday, July 13.