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Community Empowerment from the Ground Up Not an Impossible Task

Chicago, 12 August 2019– Consul General Gina A. Jamoralin hosted a luncheon meeting with Overland Park Council Member Dr. Faris Farassati last Monday and discussed ways of promoting closer relations with Overland Park, Kansas through a possible sister-city partnership.

Per the US Census Bureau’s American Community Survey (2011-2015), Overland Park is home to around 1,063 Filipinos and Filipino-Americans.



Consul General Jamoralin with Dr. Faris Farassati, Overland Park Council Member

Having been introduced to leaders of the Filipino American Association of Greater Wichita, Dr. Farassati offered his insights on how they can accomplish their goal of establishing their very own community center.

With their recently acquired 501(c)(3) status under the Internal Revenue Code, community members can commit and sustain their support toward having sufficient building fund. “Nothing good ever comes easy, but achieving such a lofty goal is not impossible either,” opined the prominent cancer scientist of Iranian descent.

Minority communities from Asia and the Pacific, including the Philippines, can also work together to attain common goals and interests.

Dr. Farassati holds two doctorate degrees from the University of Calgary and Tabriz Medical Sciences University and had postdoctoral fellowship trainings at the Harvard Medical School and Mayo Clinic. He currently represents Ward 5 of Overland Park. **END**

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Dr. Farassati, a senior cancer scientist working on finding novel therapies for cancers of brain, liver, breast and pancreas, with his son and Consul General Jamoralin