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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON HOW TO DONATE FOR THE VICTIMS OF TYPHOON “ONDOY”



Left photo shows Mr. Gil Mislang, President, Philippine Disaster Relief Organization (PeDRO), as he answers questions from participants at the meeting held on 28 September 2009 at the Rizal Hall of the Philippine Consulate General. Also in photo (left to right) Mr. Bing Dela Vega, PeDRO, Consul General Mary Jo Aragon, Deputy Consul General Daniel R. Espiritu, and Vice Consul John G. Reyes of the Consulate. Right photo shows some of the participants, representing different Filipino-American organization, during the meeting.

Los Angeles, 29 September 2009 – In the aftermath of the devastation left by Typhoon “Ondoy” (International Code Name: Ketsana), which displaced hundreds of thousands of our kababayans in Luzon particularly Manila, Marikina, Pasig, Cainta and San Mateo, the Philippine Consulate General, headed by Consul General Mary Jo Bernardo Aragon, the Philippine Disaster Relief Organization (PeDRO) and other members of the Filipino-American community and media held a meeting last night, 28 September 2009, and discussed the provision of the community relief donations for the victims of the calamity.

CASH DONATIONS

In addition to the Philippine government agencies listed on the Consulate’s earlier press release (MJBA-105-2009), cash donations may also be coursed through the **Philippine Disaster Relief Organization (PeDRO)**, a 501(c)(3), non-profit organization formed in 2004 to organize relief efforts for the victims of various calamities in the Philippines. PeDRO also assisted the Filipino victims of Hurricane “Katrina” in the United States.

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DONATIONS IN KIND

In addition to the Philippine government agencies listed on the Consulate's earlier press release (MJBA-105-2009), donations in kind may be brought to drop-off points organized by different Filipino-American organizations or individuals:

A. Knights of Columbus (Southern California Chapter) in partnership with the Filipino Ministry of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles

*Donations may be brought to any **Goldilocks** outlet.*

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B. Manny Pacquiao Foundation in partnership with Island Pacific Supermarket

*Donations may be brought to any **Island Pacific Supermarket**. Volunteers are also needed in sorting & packing the goods. For details, interested parties may contact Island Pacific Supermarket, as follows:*

Island Pacific in Los Angeles #1 627 N. Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90004 Contact: Sonny - (323) 671-1020	Island Pacific in West Covina 1512 E. Amar Road, West Covina, CA 91792 Contact: Nathan Lim - (626) 964-4858
Island Pacific in Los Angeles #2 229 S. Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90004 Contact: Rose Mendez - (213) 674-2980	Island Pacific in Cerritos 11481 South Street, Cerritos, CA 90703 Contact: Pearlle Jane Sy - (562) 809-8889
Island Pacific in Panorama City 8340 Van Nuys Blvd., Panorama City, CA 91402 Contact: Ivan Go - (818) 895-2423	Island Pacific in Vallejo 2110 Spring Road # 24, Vallejo, CA 94591 Contact: Chito Casimiro - (707) 552-6730
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