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AMBASSADOR CUISIA AND CONSUL GENERAL HERRRERA-LIM ATTENDS LAUNCH OF 2016 PHILIPPINE IMMERSION PROGRAM



Photo above shows Ambassador Jose L. Cuisia, Jr. addressing the audience.

Los Angeles, 24 May 2016 – Ambassador Jose L. Cuisia, Jr. and Consul General Leo M. Herrera-Lim attended the launch of the search for the next 10 FYLPRO delegates for 2016 at the Los Angeles City Hall Tom Bradley Tower on 18 May 2016.

Filipino-American Young Leaders Program (FYLPRO) is a grant-based leadership program started by Ambassador Cuisia in 2012 that provides annually identifies 10 Filipino-American young leaders to join a context-based, week-long networking program with top government, business and civil society leaders in the Philippines. Now on its fifth year, the FYLPRO alumni are now taking leadership roles to conduct the search for the next batch of FYLPRO delegates. For this purpose, they have formed a 501-c-3 and have signed a three-year partnership agreement with the Philippine Embassy and the Ayala Foundation, Inc. The partnership was also formalized during the launch.

The deadline for submission of completed applications is midnight of 24 July 2016 (Hawaii Standard Time). Those interested may go directly to the <http://fylpro.org/apply/>

Consul General Herrera-Lim said, “Participants in the FYLPRO have been amongst the best of the Filipinos I have seen in the US. Beyond the deep talents and leadership they possess, they have well-grounded passion for the community and their respective advocacies. Indeed, if there is one thing that FYLPRO can prove, it is that better days are ahead for our community.”

Ambassador Cuisia noted that FYLPRO is one of the most worthwhile aspects of his deployment in the United States for it identifies young leaders that are not only well-respected and admired in the US but also proud of their heritage.

During the event, both Ambassador Cuisia and Consul General Herrera-Lim were honored by the City, represented by Commissioner Joel Jacinto, himself a grassroots leader of the Filipino community.

Several FYLPRO alumni flew in from across the US, including Bea Rico of Seattle, Washington; Jason Calanoc of San Francisco; Kit Zulueta of Hawaii; Jessica Caloza; Anna Marie Cruz; Julien Baburka of Chicago; Rryn Schumacher; Alex De Ocampo; and Jason Tengco of Washington DC, to take part in the event and to share with prospective applicants and the community their immersion experience and their major take away from the program.



Photo above shows the Signing of Memorandum of Understanding with US Embassy, Department of Foreign Affairs, and Ayala Foundation.



Photo shows LA Public Works Commissioner Joel Jacinto presenting to Ambassador Cuisia and Consul General Herrera-Lim, certificate of appreciation from LA City Mayor Eric Garcetti.

(Photos courtesy of FYLPro)