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## SAN DIEGO HONORARY CONSUL AUDIE DE CASTRO MEETS WITH PHL CONSUL GENERAL IN LOS ANGELES



*Photo shows Hon. Con. Audie De Castro (left) and Con. Gen. Adelio Angelito Cruz (right)*

Los Angeles, CA, 12 August 2016 – The Honorary Consul to San Diego, Mr. Audie De Castro, called on Consul General Adelio Angelito S. Cruz on 02 August 2016. Hon. Con. De Castro reported the positive developments happening with the Filipino community in San Diego particularly in preserving Philippine language, heritage and culture. He also invited the Consul General to visit and meet the Filipino-American community in San Diego and its outlying areas.

One of the positive developments is the Filipino School which opened in 2015. The Filipino School's mission is to build and uplift the Filipino nation through education. Courses on conversational Filipino, Filipino history and culture are being offered by the school.



*Left Photo: The Filipino School in San Diego, California*

*Right Photo: The House of the Philippines at Balboa Park, San Diego, California*

The latest endeavor is to build on the House of the Philippines at Balboa Park, San Diego, California. The hope is for the House of the Philippines to leave a legacy for the next generation of Filipino-Americans and a symbol of the Filipino community of San Diego coming together as one.

The Consul General also took the opportunity to ask the Honorary Consul to extend his condolences and to represent him in the funeral services for the fallen Filipino-American police officer Jonathan M. De Guzman.

Atty. Audie De Castro was appointed as Honorary Consul to San Diego, California on 30 July 2014. Since then, he has been a key partner of the Consulate in carrying out its consular services as well as its cultural and economic diplomacy activities in San Diego.

The Consul General expressed his appreciation for the exemplary service provided by Honorary Consul De Castro which he does on top of his occupational commitments. The Consul General also assured him of his full support for the Honorary Consul's programs and activities in the area.

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