



PHL CONSUL GENERAL VISITS HOUSE OF THE PHILIPPINES IN SAN DIEGO, CA



Left photo above shows Cultural Officer Wilma Bautista, San Diego Honorary Consul Audie de Castro, House of the Philippines Vice President Rommel Alberto, House of the Philippines President Romulo Sarno, Jr., Consul General, Adelio Angelito Cruz and Consul Mary Joy Ramirez showing the proposed layout for the new House of the Philippines.

Right photo above shows (L-R) Cultural Officer Bautista, Consul Ramirez, Consul General, Cruz House of the Philippines President Sarno, House of the Philippines Vice President Alberto and San Diego Honorary Consul de Castro at the present location of the House of the Philippines at Balboa Park, San Diego, CA.

Los Angeles, 13 September 2016 – Philippine Consul General Adelio Angelito S. Cruz began his official visit to San Diego by visiting the House of the Philippines at Balboa Park. The Consul General was welcomed by Mr. Romulo Sarno, Jr., President and Mr. Rommel Alberto, Vice President of the House of the Philippines.

In 1961, the House of the Philippines became a member of the House of Pacific Relations (HPR). The HPR aims to promote the culture, customs, tradition, history and food of its 34 member countries. The Philippines currently shares its space with the House of France. For more than 50 years, the House of the Philippines allowed the Filipino-American community to share Filipino culture with visitors from all over the world.

The House of the Philippines is now campaigning for the construction of a new standalone cottage in Balboa Park. The goal is to raise \$350,000 for construction, new displays, audio/visual equipment and an endowment for operations. There Filipino-American community in San Diego showed its support for the House of the Philippines as it continues to work on reaching its goal.

Consul General Cruz expressed his appreciation to Mr. Sarno and Mr. Alberto for their efforts in the campaign to build a new House of the Philippines. The Consul General extended his offer of assistance in terms of tapping the Philippine Department of Tourism – LA and the Philippine National Historical Commission for displays that can be featured in the new House of the Philippines. The Consul General also made the commitment to attend the groundbreaking ceremony for the new House during the 4th quarter of 2016 and the flag raising ceremony in front of the House of the Philippines on 12 June 2017 in celebration of the Philippine Independence Day.

Information about house of the Philippines is available at www.houseofthephilippines.org.

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