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THE FILIPINO SCHOOL IN SAN DIEGO, CA WELCOMES PHL CONSUL GENERAL



Photo above shows (3rd from L-R) the Filipino School Founder Tony Olaes, Executive Director Dr. Estela Matriano, Consul General Adelio Angelito Cruz, Honorary Consul Audie de Castro, Consul Joy Ramirez, Special Projects Coordinator Carole Caparros and Professor Felix Tuyay and Cultural Officer Wilma Bautista .

Los Angeles, 14 September 2016 – Officials from The Filipino School in San Diego, California welcomed Consul General Adelio Angelito S. Cruz during his visit on 09 September 2016. Among the officials present were Mr. Tony Olaes, founder, Dr. Estela Matriano, Executive Director, Ms. Carole Caparros, Special Projects Coordinator and Mr. Felix Tuyay, Professor of The Filipino School.

The Filipino School was created to “bridge Filipinos in the Philippines with those in the diaspora through education.” What makes The Filipino School unique is that it teaches Filipino culture and history in addition to language. It aims to build on its students’ base level of understanding and self-awareness of being Filipino. The school holds classes every Saturday and plans to add after-school programs in the fall. It is also targeting an online education system by 2017.

Mr. Olaes also heads a “Filgrimage” which is a semi-annual peer group trip to the Philippines for Filipino-Americans ages 18 and up. The goal of the trip is to educate, awaken and empower the Filipino diaspora in the United States.

The Consul General relayed his support for the programs and activities of The Filipino School as well as with the pilgrimage trip to the Philippines that help reconnect the second and third generation Filipino-Americans to their heritage, culture and roots.

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