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CONGEN ADEL CRUZ INDUCTS NEW OFFICERS OF THE PHILIPPINE DISASTER RELIEF ORGANIZATION (PeDRO)



Photo shows the newly elected Officers of PeDRO with Consul General Adelio Angelito S. Cruz (From L-R) Mr. Joey Cruz, Mr. Victor Martires, Mr. Rene Galano, Mr. Archerie Calunod (President), Consul General Cruz, Ms. Bituin Francisco and Mrs. Myrna Baculi

Consul General Adelio S. Cruz inducted the newly elected officers of the Philippine Disaster Relief Organization (PeDRO) on 11 January 2017 at the Consulate General.

PeDRO is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit charitable organization, founded in 2004 with a mission to extend relief to victims of national disasters and to mobilize resources of the community towards these objectives, focusing on community-based efforts, including education, awareness and food aid.

Since its inception in 2004, PeDRO has been the esteemed partner of the Consulate General in its campaign to create more resilient communities of Filipino-Americans that are better equipped to help each other prevent, prepare for and respond to life-threatening disasters.

In his remarks, PeDRO President, Mr. Archerie Calunod, said, “We want to seize every opportunity to share, to rebuild hope and to shelter love and care when it has been damaged or lost.” “I hope that when there are people in need, we can always say “We will be there”, he continued. This is all part of PeDRO’s continuing campaign to be the diaspora’s first responders in disaster relief and rebuilding efforts both in the Philippines and the US.

In 2014, PeDRO was one of the first organizations to donate to the victims of Typhoon Glenda.

During the installation ceremony, PeDRO announced that they donated to the victims of Typhoon Nina which recently hit the Philippines. The donation was coursed through the ABS-CBN Foundation.

Consul General Cruz, in his congratulatory remarks, said that “I am confident that through the dynamic leadership of newly installed President, Mr. Archerie Calunod and the dedicated and talented officers and volunteers, PeDRO will continue to be at the forefront in providing immediate support and assistance to Filipinos in distress. END.



Photo shows Consul General Cruz inducting the new set of Officers and Members of the Board of Directors of PeDRO



Photo shows Consul General Cruz with PeDRO's Officers and Members of the Board of Directors. Also in the photo are Consul Mary Joy Ramirez and Cultural Officer Wilma Bautista