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PHICONGEN L.A. AND U.S. DOL WHD RENEWS COMMITMENT TO LABOR RIGHTS

The Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles bolstered its commitment in fulfilling its mandate to promote and advance the rights and welfare of Filipinos overseas by collaborating with the United States Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division in reaching out and educating employees and employers about their rights and responsibilities.

The signing of the Arrangement Establishing an Understanding between the U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division (US DOL WHD) Western Regional Office, South West Regional Office and the Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles took place on 27 February 2017 at the Consulate Conference Hall in Los Angeles. The document was a renewal of the AEU which was signed on 28 October 2013.

Consul General Adelio Angelito S. Cruz signed on behalf of the Consulate while Regional Administrator Ruben Rosalez represented the US DOL WHD.

Consul General Cruz expressed his full support to the renewal of the AED and commended the WHD for actively pushing for the signing of the Arrangement.

"The Consulate will continue its strategic dialogue with the US Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division in mapping out our joint priorities for the length of this 3-year Arrangement. We hope to take full advantage of the opportunities offered by this renewed partnership for the benefit of the Filipino workers that we serve here in the US," said Consul General Cruz.

According to Mr. Rosalez, the AEU will provide a much-needed boost in the WHD's mandate to implement workplace laws and regulations given the agency's limited resources.

The document is one of the local agreements signed with the WHD since the signing of the Letter of Arrangement between the Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs and the WHD in 2012. – END



Consul General Adelio Angelito S. Cruz and WHD Regional Administrator Ruben Rosalez signs the Arrangement Establishing an Understanding (AEU) between the United States Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division (WHD), Western Regional Office, South West Regional Office on 27 February 2017 at the Philippine Consulate General Conference Hall in Los Angeles (Photo taken by Cesar Angeles)



(L-R): Vice Consul Dyan Kristine M. Pastrana; Consul General Adelio Angelito S. Cruz, Mr. Ruben Rosalez; Ms. Kimchi Bui; and Mr. Daniel Pasquil (Photo taken by Cesar Angeles)