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## LA PCG HOSTS MEET & GREET WITH YOUNG FIL-AM LEADERS

Los Angeles, 12 September 2018 - The Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles hosted a *Meet & Greet Dinner* at the official residence of Consul General Adelio Angelito S. Cruz on Wednesday, 12 September 2018.



*Consul General and Mrs. Cruz (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> from right) pose for a photo with the guests at the gardens of the official residence. Also in photo is SIPA President, Mr. Lyle del Mundo (seated, 1<sup>st</sup> from right)*



*Guests with Consul General Adelio Angelito Cruz, Vice Consul Andrea Lazaro and Vice Consul Dyan Pastrana at the receiving area of the residence.*

The gathering was attended by around 70 young Fil-Am professionals, internet influencers, and others connected with various community organizations, local governments, the media, academe, law firms, business chambers, and the entertainment industry, among others. Also in attendance were officials of the Philippine Department of Tourism and the Philippine Airlines office in Los Angeles.

The event was also made possible through the assistance of Mr. Lyle del Mundo, Executive Producer of Influential Events Group, LLC. and President of Search to Involve Philippine Americans (SIPA), a very active, civic-oriented Fil-Am organization based in Los Angeles, California.

The event is among the activities being organized by the Consulate General primarily to provide a venue for young Fil-Am leaders and professionals residing in Los Angeles and other areas under the Consulate General's jurisdiction to network and establish connections with one another.

Secondly, it is also hoped that this event would give an opportunity for the Consulate General to create more awareness on and encourage the youth to actively participate in its programs and activities.

The Consulate General notes that most active Fil-Am organizations in the region are composed of first generation Filipinos, whose activities are confined to hometown or religious associations. In order to appeal to a wider section of Filipinos, the Consulate General recognizes the importance of engaging the next generation of Fil-Ams to also be active in the community. **END**