



Visit to L.A. of VP Leni Robredo



(From left to right) Newly inducted UPAAGLA President Ethel Rubio, Consul General Cruz, Vice President Robredo, Mayor Garcetti, Deputy Mayor for International Relations Nina Hachigan, Commissioner Reyes, Commission Sangalang, Commssioner Caloza.

Los Angeles, California – Vice President Maria Leonor “Leni” Robredo met Los Angeles City Mayor Eric Garcetti on 06 September 2019 at the Getty House, the official residence of L. A. City Mayor. The Vice President was accompanied by Consul General Adelio Angelito S. Cruz and the newly elected officers of the University of the Philippines Alumni Association in Greater Los Angeles (UPAAGLA).



(Above photo) VP Leni meets Mayor Eric Garcetti and other L.A. City Fil-Am officials at the Getty House.

During the meeting, the Mayor introduced Filipino-American officials he appointed namely, Deputy Mayor for Budget and Innovation, Miguel Sangalang; Commissioner for Department of Water and Power, Susana Reyes; and Commissioner for Board of Public Works Jessica Caloza.

Mayor Garcetti shared with the Vice President the priorities of his administration, particularly L.A.’s Green New Deal, which aims at reducing carbon emission by 50% by 2025, major infrastructure developments in the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, and L.A.’s hosting of the 2028 Olympics.

The Vice President raised the possibility of sharing of best practices between the Ports of Manila and Los Angeles in ports operation and management. VP Robredo was optimistic that operational efficiency in Manila Port would lead to economic gains for the Philippines and generate local jobs.

VP Robredo also introduced her flagship program titled, “*Angat Buhay*” with the goal of alleviating the plight of the impoverished with the help of private sector.

After the Meeting, Mayor Garcetti showed some portions of the Getty House to the Vice President and her delegation.

Later that afternoon, the Vice President graced the UPAAGLA Gala Night held at the L.A. Grand Hotel.



(left to right photos) Consul General Adelio Angelito Cruz formally introduces VP Leni Robredo during the UPAAGLA Gala Night. VP Leni Robredo delivers her keynote message before her fellow UP alumni. VP Leni Robredo with LA PCG personnel and POLO representatives.

Also present during the Gala Night were the Consulate General’s U.P. alumni, Information Officer Mary Grace “Joss” Leaño and Labor Attaché Armi Evangel Peña, together with Protocol Officer Fernan Balicoco and POLO Administrative Staff Miguel Ignacio Maria Castriciones. END.