



Amb. Romualdez Explores University Partnership



(Left) Ambassador Jose Manuel Romualdez and Consul General Cruz are welcomed by Westcliff University (WU) Chairman of the Board of Directors George J. Gliaudys, Jr., and President and CEO Anthony Lee. (Right) Mr. Lee and Dean of College of Business George Sayegh tour the Ambassador's delegation around campus.

Irvine, CA – Consul General Adelio Angelito S. Cruz accompanied Ambassador Jose Manuel G. Romualdez to a meeting with officials of Westcliff University (WU) on 14 September 2019 at the WU Conference Room in its Irvine, CA campus.

Ambassador Romualdez, who was on an official visit to Southern California aims to facilitate exchanges of best practices and education models between the Philippines and the United States of America to further improve the Philippine education system and global competitiveness of Filipino students.

During the meeting, the Ambassador commended the flexible learning platforms of WU that allow students to earn a degree or a course certificate through an online platform or a “hybrid” program, which is, a combination of online and actual classes. Said learning platform enables working adults to pursue their education while earning a living.

This deviation from the traditional university education model has paved the way for WU to cater to prospective students within and beyond the borders of the U.S.A., according to WU CEO and President Anthony Lee.

Currently, WU has existing partnerships with universities in Spain, Vietnam, Nepal, and the United Arab Emirates. President Lee likewise reported that 20-25 students are currently enrolled in their two campuses, a few of whom were around to meet the Ambassador.

In this vein, Ambassador Romualdez and President Lee discussed a potential partnership between WU and an educational institution in the Philippines that would include a framework for student and faculty exchange, taking advantage of advances in information technology and communications.

The proposed partnership would highlight the strength of WU and the Philippines as a destination for education services. The Ambassador assured WU that the Consulate General, through Consul General Cruz, will extend appropriate assistance in facilitating coordination between WU and its prospective PHL partner.



“Philippine and U.S. governments both believe in the importance of studying abroad and therefore encourage exchange of students,” the Ambassador added.

Other members of the Ambassador’s delegation were Minister and Consul Gunther Emil M. Sales of the Philippine Embassy in Washington D.C., Deputy Consul General Ambrosio Brian F. Enciso III, Consul Rea G. Oreta, Information Officer Mary Grace “Joss” D. Leaño and Protocol Officer Fernan M. Balicoco of the Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles.



(First photo) Ambassador Romualdez and Consul General Cruz in a meeting with WU officials. (Second Photo) Filipino students and WU officials in a group photo with Amb. Romualdez.

Established in 1993, Westcliff University (WU) presently has two campuses located in Irvine, CA and Cerritos, CA, with more than 3,000 students representing 75 countries. WU’s student population is expected to grow exponentially considering that it will offer in-demand courses soon, such as law, nursing, and cyber security. END.