



LA PCG's Green Diplomacy in Action

28 October 2019, Los Angeles – The Philippine Consulate General participated in an urban farming activity as part of its green diplomacy program and in an effort to strengthen its relations with the local community.

The activity was organized by the Office of Los Angeles City Mayor – Office of International Affairs, in partnership with FarmLA, on 23 October 2019 in Elysian Valley, Los Angeles, CA.

Post sent a delegation composed of Consul Rea G. Oreta, Vice Consul Joan Macrise C. Corrado, Administrative Officer Ana Rose R. Rivera, Information Officer Mary Grace D. Leaño and Consular Assistant Benjamin G. Azcue.

Other participating members of the Consular Corps include Finland, Taiwan, France and Honduras, including the Office of Foreign Missions in Los Angeles.

The participants removed invasive weeds and harvested lima beans from an urban farm in Elysian Valley, owned by a couple, Mr. Rober Berg and Ms. Janet Workman, and managed by FarmLA.

FarmLA is a nonprofit organization founded in 2018 by a local couple Jason Wood and Emily Gleicher, the idea of which began when Mr. Wood gifted Ms. Gleicher with a lima bean plant for Valentine's Day. Its advocacy aims to create a more sustainable city by converting unutilized lands to farming lands through the help of the local community.

The food grown in FarmLA's urban farm is donated to the low-income and underserved communities.

Apart from its project in Elysian Valley, FarmLA also promotes city sidewalk mini-farming and school gardening. *END.*



(1st Photo) Representatives of the Philippine Consulate General (2nd Photo) PhilConGen representatives pull out weeds (3rd Photo) PhilConGen with their fellow participants from the Office of L.A. Mayor, Office of Foreign Mission, and Foreign Consulates in La County. (4th Photo) FarmLA Founders providing an orientation to the participants of the urban farming.