



## PhilConGen Graces Awards Night for Outstanding FilCom Leaders and Organizations



21 October 2019, Los Angeles – The Philippine Consulate General took part in the annual conferment of awards upon exceptional Filipinos and Filipino-Americans organized by the Philippine Heritage Institute International (PHII) held on 12 October 2019, Saturday, at the Great Wolf Lodge, Garden Grove, CA.

The theme for this year's awarding ceremony was "30 Years of Community Service through Education, Health and Youth Development." The life and works of Ms. Naomi Palma-Armada who became a member of the White House Millennium Council instituted by the then President Bill Clinton and Hillary Clinton was also commemorated during the program.

The Consulate General was represented by Deputy Consul General Ambrosio Brian F. Enciso III. In his remarks, the Deputy Consul General commended PHII for recognizing Filipinos and Filipino-Americans whose distinct accomplishments and exceptional leadership have significantly contributed to the good image of the Filipino-American community in Southern California. He also lauded the awardees for their passion and dedication to make a difference and be of help to their *kababayans*. He concluded his speech by challenging those who were present to emulate the legacy of PHII's founder, Ms. Palma-Armada, in her advocacy of engaging Filipino-American youth in development programs and Philippine cultural activities. (1<sup>st</sup> photo left)



Ms. Josie Estaris de Jesus, PHII's current President, expressed her appreciation to the Consulate General and to all the members of the organization for their continued support in carrying out PHII's mission. (2<sup>nd</sup> photo left)

Established in 1989, PHII is a non-profit organization aiming to help the Filipino-American community through research, health, education and by recognizing said exceptional efforts. END.