



CFO Partners with FilCom Organizations in Los Angeles



06 December 2019, Los Angeles – The Philippine Consulate General, represented by Vice Consul Dyan Kristine Miranda-Pastrana, introduced the Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO) delegation, headed by Justice Francisco P. Acosta, to two Filipino-American community organizations, namely, Filipino American Services Group, Inc. (FASGI) and Search to Involve Pilipino Association (SIPA) on 25 November 2019 (First and Second photos, respectively)



The meetings were arranged in line with the CFO's *"Ugnayan"* Program, which aims to strengthen the ties between the Filipino diaspora and the Motherland. It also hopes to enhance networking among members and leaders of community organizations, explore ways by which the Philippine government can render support to programs and services for the Filipino diaspora as well as establish an efficient and transparent mechanism to enhance development assistance flows to the Philippines.

FASGI, with its President Geo Sitjar-Sargent at the helm, provided a tour for the CFO delegation in FASGI's facility. He also described FASGI's various programs for the Filipino-American community such as helping Filipino migrants obtain their U.S. citizenships, mental health programs, assisting veterans, and helping exhibits artists' works.

SIPA President, Lyle del Mundo, likewise introduced his organization's programs in assisting OFs, particularly the provision of human housing, health services and promotion of Filipino arts and culture.

Joining Vice Consul Pastrana was Assistance-to-Nationals Officer Judelyn M. Cuaresma.

CFO and the Consulate General expressed their appreciation to FASGI and SIPA for their commendable programs for OFs. END.