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## CONSULATE GENERAL THANKS FASGI FOR DONATION OF SURGICAL MASKS



03 September 2020, Los Angeles – The Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles extends its sincerest appreciation to the to the Filipino American Service Group, Inc. (FASGI) for their pledge to donate 1,000 surgical masks to the Consulate General, 500 of which has already been delivered.

In accepting the donation, Consul General Adelio Angelito S. Cruz said, “It is heartwarming to receive such sincere support and assistance from the Filipino-American community in Los Angeles,” adding, “this donation will go a long way in helping the Consulate General safely deliver services to the transacting public in fulfillment of our mandate, while

still adhering to the health safety protocols prescribed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as well as the L.A. County Department of Public Health.”

“I would like to especially thank Ms. Celina Taganas-Duffy, FASGI Chairperson, and Ms. Yey Coronel, FASGI Executive Director for keeping the dedicated men and women of the Consulate General in their thoughts,” the Consul General concluded.

Despite the recent spike and upward trends in CoViD-19 infections, hospitalizations and morbidity, the Consulate General in Los Angeles has remained open to the public, delivering the full range of consular services, which could be availed either by securing an appointment ahead of time or by mail. Social and physical distancing protocols require that the number of staff and consular clients present within the Consulate General premises at any given time be strictly limited.

To a avail of Passport and Travel Document issuance, Consular Notarization (i.e. Acknowledgment or “red ribbon”) and Dual Citizenship, one needs a prior appointment set online on the Consulate General’s official website [www.philippineconsulatela.org](http://www.philippineconsulatela.org). On the other hand, services including Civil registry (i.e. Reports of Birth, Marriage or Death and Consular Mortuary Certificate issuance), as well as visa issuance for foreign nationals considered exempt from current Philippine travel restrictions are done by mail only.

FASGI is a nonprofit neighborhood-based service provider established in 1981. Its social services include mental health counseling, naturalization application assistance, immigration, and legal referral, among others. FASGI is a network agency of the Asian Pacific Community Fund. END.



*FASGI Executive Director Ms. Yey Coronel (center) shown here with former Carson Mayor Jim Dear (L) and Consul General Adelio Angelito S. Cruz (R) during the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Leyte Landing (Gala) held in Carson, CA on 28 September 2019.*