



## CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES LOS ANGELES

### MESSAGE



Warmest greetings to my beloved *kababayan* community in Southern California, Southern Nevada and Arizona.

It is bittersweet news that I inform you about the conclusion of my tour of duty as your Consul General in Los Angeles on 31 January 2021.

As I return home to the Philippines to continue my public service, this time from our headquarters at the Department of Foreign Affairs, allow me to express my deepest appreciation to our esteemed Filipino-American community partners for the support that you have extended to me and to my team. This includes the women and men of the Consulate General itself, the Philippine Department of Tourism in Los Angeles, the Philippine Trade and Investment Center, the Philippine Overseas Labor Office, the Southern California Representative Office of the Social Security System, and the Office of the Police Attaché - Liaison Office on the U.S. West Coast.

I have nothing but pride and affection for our *kababayan* community in this jurisdiction and I bring home great memories of the four years and six months that I have been honored to spend here, serving you and enhancing Philippines-United States ties. Thank you for being our allies and most ardent supporters in the fulfillment of the Consulate General's mission.

Our close collaboration has seen us winning gains in improving delivery of consular services, promoting investment, trade and tourism for the Philippines, as well as broadening appreciation of Filipino culture and our people in the American mainstream.

Even as we continue our own journeys in different places, I shall often keep you in my thoughts and pray that you be able to overcome the challenges brought on by the pandemic. May all of us emerge from this crisis transformed and ever more empowered to pursue our advocacies.

Always strive to represent the best of our Filipino traits and cultural heritage. Continue to help our *kababayan* back home in the Philippines. Preserve close ties with our Motherland and, when it is safe to travel again, do consider visiting the Philippines to gain a more intimate understanding of the more than 7,000 islands in our magnificent archipelago.

*Mula sa inyong lingkod, tanggapin n'yo po ang aking taos-pusong pasasalamat sa inialay n'yong pagmamahal at suporta! Isang malaking karangalan na kayo'y aking nakasama at napaglingkuran.*

*Mabuhay po kayong lahat!*

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