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PHILCONGEN JOINS DISCUSSION ON *Building National Security in an Unstable World*



Clockwise: Session moderator, Ms. Cortney Weinbaum; resource speaker, Cesare Frank Figliuzzi, Jr., and LAWAC&TH's President Ms. Kim McCleary Blue.

23 February 2021, Los Angeles – The Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles tuned in to the livestream session arranged by the Los Angeles World Affairs Council and Town Hall (LAWAC&TH) entitled “*Building National Security in an Unstable World*” held on 04 February 2021

The session featured retired Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Assistant Director Cesare Frank Figliuzzi, Jr. as speaker with RAND’s senior management scientist specializing in intelligence Cortney Weinbaum as moderator. They were introduced by LAWAC&TH’s President and Chief Executive Officer, Ms. Kim McCleary Blue.

During the livestream session, Mr. Figliuzzi talked about his newly-published book, “*The FBI Way: Inside the Bureau’s Code of Excellence*,” that focuses on values he feels should be re-instilled in every law enforcer as these could mitigate internal threats within their organizations and allow them to focus on their mission. “*The Seven C’s*” as he called these values include: code, conservancy, clarity, consequences, compassion, credibility and consistency.

He expressed concern over the alleged involvement of law enforcers who provided an overall unsatisfactory security response during the insurrection that took place at the U.S. Capitol on 06 January 2021 when the U.S. Congress convened to count and certify the Electoral College votes for the U.S. Presidential election.

The speaker recommended that responsive laws be legislated to arm the government in its fight against terrorists, while intelligence agencies increase capacity to infiltrate and disrupt terrorists’ online activities.

The webinar session could be accessed through LAWAC&TH’s page at <https://youtu.be/jok9nRRzTh8>

Representing the Consulate General were Acting Head of Post Ambrosio Brian F. Enciso III and Information Officer Ms. Mary Grace D. Leaño.

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