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## PHILCONGEN-LA RENDERS OVER 700 CONSULAR SERVICES IN PHOENIX, AZ



(Photo 1) Vice Consul Joan Macrise C. Corrado administers the oath of allegiance of qualified dual citizens (Photo 2) Consular Assistant Edgar B. Guinto facilitates the epassport renewal of a Filipino child.

24 May 2021, Los Angeles – In an effort to bring vital consular services closer to the more than 73,000 Filipinos and Filipino-Americans in the State of Arizona, Consul General Edgar B. Badajos led the Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles on a two-day consular outreach mission to Phoenix, AZ from 22 to 23 May 2021. The outreach mission, the Consulate General's second overall for the year, was conducted in collaboration with the National Federation of Philippine American Chambers of Commerce led by its President, Ms. Maria Cunning.

The team rendered over 700 consular services, including ePassport issuance, dual citizenship petitions, civil registry, consular notarization, Overseas Voting Registration, as well as SSS services. Also present was the Consulate General's Assistance-to-Nationals team, which provided various assistance to Filipino nationals in distress.



(Photo 3) Consular Assistant Edgar B. Guinto facilitates the epassport renewal of a Filipino child.

"The Consulate General is committed to making consular services more accessible to our kababayan by conducting outreach missions outside of L.A. At the same time, we plan to hold more Consular Service Saturdays at the Consulate General premises in the coming months," according to Consul General Badajos.

Following the government's One Country Team Approach, the outreach team was



(Photo 4) ATN Officer Hazel Mendoza provides legal guidance to a Filipina client. (Photo 5) Consul General Edgar B. Badajos (3<sup>rd</sup> from the left) with the Consular and ATN Outreach mission team and attached agencies

also joined by Philippine government agencies attached to the Consulate General, namely the Philippine Trade and Investment Center-Los Angeles, Philippine Department of Tourism-Los Angeles, Philippine Overseas Labor Office-Los Angeles, Office of the Police Attaché-Liaison Office on the U.S. West Coast and the Social Security System Representative. The presence of the attached agencies enhanced broadened the services that the outreach team could give the community in Arizona.

Consular clients who want to keep themselves posted on future consular outreach missions of the Consulate General may regularly visit its official website: <u>www.philippinconsulatela.org</u> and Facebook page (@PHLinLA). END.