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CG BADAJOS BRIEFS FIL-AM COMMUNITY IN LAS VEGAS ON PHL DEVELOPMENTS IN TOWNHALL MEETING



Los Angeles, CA, 22 September 2021 – As part of the Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles's public diplomacy initiatives, Consul General Edgar B. Badajos briefed the Filipino American community in Las Vegas on Philippine developments in a town hall meeting in the afternoon of 19 September 2021 in Las Vegas, NV.

The town hall meeting was preceded by a Post-arrival Orientation seminar (PAOS) for newly-arrived Filipinos in the US. The group in attendance was composed mostly of J-1 visa holders. In his remarks, Consul General Badajos explained that the purpose of the PAOS is to educate newly-arrived Filipino migrants and workers in the United States about basic laws of the host country especially those related to foreign migrant communities.

Joining the Consul General via Zoom as resource speakers were Consul Maria Alnee A. Gamble, Head of the Assistance-to-Nationals Section of the Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles, and Assistant Labor Attaché in LA, Atty. Miguel Ignacio Maria S. Castriciones. The two speakers discussed their respective functions and work mandates, specifically the assistance they could extend to overseas Filipino workers, including J-1 teachers.



Filipino J-1 Visa Holders based in Southern Nevada with Consul General Edgar B. Badajos

Immediately after the PAOS, Consul General Badajos held a town hall meeting with members of the local Filipino-American community. During the meeting, Consul General Badajos provided updates on Post's consular services, current travel restrictions in the Philippines, current political and economic developments in the country, and overseas voting registration. He urged qualified Filipinos to register for overseas voting, noting that the deadline to do so is on the 30th of September. "An active and engaged citizenry is essential to a functioning democracy," the consul General added.



Consul General Badajos with select Fil-Am community leaders in Las Vegas

Deputy CG Ambrosio Brian F. Enciso III, Information Officer Mary Grace "Joss" D. Leaño and Protocol Officer Elvis M. Tamayo joined the Consul General in the townhall meeting.

The PAOS and Town Hall Meeting were made possible with the invaluable assistance of the Filipino-American Educators Association led by its President, Dr. Michael Sta. Juana, and Philippine-American Association of Nevada under the leadership of Dr. Daniel Fabito.

The U.S. Census Bureau estimates that there are over 200,000 Filipinos and Filipino-Americans in Southern Nevada as of January 2021. END.