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PhilConGen LA Holds First State of the Post Address to Report on 2021 Accomplishments and 2022 Plans



Consul General Edgar B. Badajos, together with PHL Consulate General officers, representatives of various attached agencies and PHL Honorary Consul in San Diego County, Mr. Audie J. De Castro, Esq., delivers his State of the Post Address in Los Angeles on 09 December 2021.

10 December 2021, Los Angeles – As part of the celebration of the Month of Overseas Filipinos, the Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles, under the leadership of Consul General Edgar B. Badajos, conducted a historic first State of the Post Address (SOPA) at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel in the evening of 09 December 2021. The Address aimed at the Filipino-American community reported on the Consulate General's 2021 accomplishments and laid out broad plans for 2022. In attendance were about 200 guests, among them elected and appointed Filipino-American officials, including three (3) City Mayors, Filipino-American community leaders, members of the business community and the media.

In his SOPA, Consul General Badajos announced that the Consulate General was able to render over 50,000 consular services for the first 11 months of the year amidst the continuing CoViD-19 pandemic.

“To address the overwhelming consular demands when I assumed office here in April, we conducted 11 consular outreach missions to bring our services closer to our fellow Filipinos outside Los Angeles while Saturday operations were simultaneously held at our office...in the space of just seven months” the Consul General Badajos said.

The Consul General added, “We have gradually increased our consular appointment slots. To date, we can now serve 200 clients daily. On top of this, the very first Philippine e-Passport Renewal Center (PaRC) in North America started its operations in Beverly Hills, CA this October.”

“I also wish to explain to you that our work goes beyond providing consular services. We also pursue economic, tourism and cultural diplomacy. At the same time, we endeavored to directly assist over a hundred distressed Filipino nationals through our assistance-to-nationals activities,” reported the Consul General.

The Consul General also took the opportunity to acknowledge the contribution of PHL government agencies attached to the Consulate General – the Philippine Overseas Labor Office, the Philippine Trade and Investment Center, the Department of Tourism Office in Los Angeles, and the Office of the Police Attaché-Liaison Officer, as well as the Philippine Honorary Consul in San Diego County, Mr. Audie J. De Castro, Esq. – in the fulfillment of its plans and programs for the year.



ConGen Badajos (front row sixth from L) with LA PCG personnel and representatives of various attached agencies and the PHL HonCon in San Diego.



Following his Address, the Consul General received a citation from the City of Carson led by Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Dear and the city's first elected Fil-Am Councilmember, Ms. Arleen Rojas, acknowledging Consulate General's efforts.



During the conferment, other local officials in Southern California, including City of Sierra Madre, CA Mayor Rachelle Arizmendi, City of Artesia, CA Mayor Melissa Ramoso, and other city-level appointed Commissioners, joined in lauding the Consul General and his team.



The event concluded with special performances by Fil-Am talents, including Pangalay Butterflies, the Brown Brothers U.S.A. Choir, Mr. Jonard Yanson and Mr. Alvin Reyes. The Consul General was even asked to render special song numbers with the Brown Brothers to the delight of the audience.



The Address and the entire program itself was met with enthusiastic feedback from the gathered guests, who were deeply impressed by the Consulate General's public gesture of emphasizing transparency and accountability to the community it is sworn to serve. END.

