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PHILIPPINE CONSULATE GENERAL LA AND CEDARS-SINAI FORGE COLLABORATION TO SERVE FILIPINO COMMUNITIES

29 July 2022, Los Angeles – The Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles and Cedars-Sinai will officially forge a collaboration to serve Filipino communities through the **signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to take place on 10 August 2022 at the Consulate General premises in central Los Angeles.**

In anticipation of this groundbreaking project, Consul General Edgar B. Badajos remarked, *“We are excited to be entering into this collaboration with Cedars-Sinai. Our goal is to contribute to the promotion of health and wellness among overseas Filipinos on the West Coast and even beyond, through joint projects that would be made possible by this MoU.”*

According to Heitham Hassoun, MD, Vice President and Medical Director for Cedars-Sinai International, *“Cedars-Sinai looks forward to improving the health and wellbeing of Filipino Americans and Filipino citizens with the help of the Philippine Consulate General. Together, we plan to implement evidence-based public health interventions to improve awareness and participation in cancer screenings among Filipino American communities, as well as encourage participation in leading-edge clinical trials at Cedars-Sinai. Our collaboration will extend beyond the U.S. and will look to engage respected healthcare organizations in the Philippines to enhance healthcare delivery here and abroad.”*

Cedars-Sinai has been named the #2 hospital in the United States and the #1 hospital in California in U.S. News & World Report’s “Best Hospitals 2022-2023” rankings. Additionally, Cedars-Sinai has the distinction of being one of only nine U.S. hospitals to earn Magnet designation from the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) five consecutive times.

A press conference will be held after the MOU signing ceremony on 10 August 2022. Members of the media interested in covering the event and participating in the press conference should contact the Consulate General’s Public Diplomacy Section via email: info_pcgenla@yahoo.com.
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