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PHILCONGEN LA SIGNS MOU WITH CEDARS-SINAI



Consul General Edgar B. Badajos and Cedars Sinai Vice President Heitham Hassoun sign the MOU.

10 August 2022, Los Angeles – The Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles on 10 August signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Cedars-Sinai Medical Center (CSMC) to promote health and wellness among Filipino-Americans in the Western United States and beyond. Consul General Edgar B. Badajos signed the MOU with Dr. Heitham Hassoun, Vice President and Medical Director of CSMC.

Under the MOU, the two sides agree to encourage participation of members of the Filipino-American community in leading-edge clinical trials at Cedars-Sinai to advance prevention and treatment of breast cancer, a disease that disproportionately affects Filipino women. The collaboration will extend beyond the United States and will look to engage respected healthcare organizations in the Philippines.



During the signing ceremony, Consul General Badajos remarked, “among others, the MOU will pave the way for the conduct of medical outreach missions centered on cancer research for the Filipino community in the U.S. There will also be 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.” (Right photo)



In his remarks, Dr. Hassoun said, “at its core, Cedars-Sinai is a hospital serving our community, and the Filipino community is a significant part of who we serve. In addition, many from the Filipino diaspora are leaders and healthcare professionals at Cedars-Sinai who have helped make us one of the nation’s leading healthcare organizations today.”



Cedars-Sinai has been named the no. 2 hospital in the United States and the no. 1 hospital in California and Los Angeles in the 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 the Magnet designation from the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) five consecutive times. END.