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## PHILCONGEN LA PROMOTES PHL AS A PREFERRED INVESTMENT DESTINATION IN SE ASIA



(L-R) Consul General Edgar B. Badajos delivers his welcome remarks; Trade Commissioner, Eric C. Elnar conducts a PHL economic briefing; Director for Global Affairs, Mr. Javier Gomez of San Diego City Mayor's Office address participants of the Business Mixer.

19 August 2022, Los Angeles – With the thrust to market the Philippines as a preferred investment destination in Southeast Asia, the Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles conducted its second Business Mixer for this year entitled “Philippines-U.S. Trade Dialogue & Business Mixer,” in San Diego, California in the afternoon of 19 August 2022, Friday. The Consulate organized the event in partnership with the Philippine Honorary Consulate in San Diego, the Council of Philippine American Organizations (COPAO) of San Diego, the Filipino American Chamber of Commerce (FACC)-North San Diego, and the Asian Business Association (ABA) of San Diego.

Over 80 business proprietors attended the event (photo below), which also served as a venue for Filipino and Filipino-American entrepreneurs to expand their network with mainstream business executives.



In his remarks, Consul General Edgar B. Badajos assured potential investors that the Philippines continues to enjoy strong economic fundamentals with laws in place to protect foreign investments and make the local economy even more business friendly.

Trade Commissioner Eric C. Elnar delivered a presentation entitled, “The Philippines as Your Preferred Destination for Manufacturing and IT-BPM Services.” Among others, he reported that the country’s GDP grew by 8.2%

in the first quarter of 2022 and the country's economic performance is expected to only further improve in the coming months.

Director for Global Affairs of San Diego City Mayor's Office, Mr. Javier Gomez conveyed the city's appreciation to the Filipino and Filipino-American community for their contributions in building a prosperous San Diego while sharing the vibrant culture of Filipinos with the locals. Philippine Honorary



Consul Audie de Castro closed the program by thanking all the co-organizers of for helping make the event a success.

On the sidelines of the Mixer, participants visited the booths of some enterprises that were providing samples of their products and sharing flyers regarding their companies. The companies included Foodtrients, SM Development Corporation, Ayala Land International, Inc., emPHorium, Pili Ani, JD Construction.

The mixer was livestreamed via the Consulate General's official Facebook page, and can still be accessed via:

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Also present in the event were the Consulate General's Economic team composed of Consul Francis Maynard S. Maleon, Political/Economic Section Assistant & Information Officer Mary Grace D. Leño and Protocol Officer Elvis M. Tamayo. END.