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PHILCONGEN LA MEETS WITH PACIFIC ASIAN COUNSELING SERVICES, DISCUSS AID TO VICTIMS OF ANTI-AAPI HATE

22 March 2023, Los Angeles – Consul General Edgar B. Badajos met with reps of Pacific Asian Counseling Services (PACS), an organization that provides education, resources and assistance to members of the Asian and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities who have been involved in hate crimes and hate incidents.



The meeting included PACS CEO Myron Quon, Philippine Coordinator Violeta Leones-Villareal and Program Manager Sithea San, among others. The meeting is part of the efforts by the Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles to help address the prevalence of anti-AAPI hate.

Previously, the Consulate General had conducted and attended various webinars and in-person seminars with guest experts that included officers of the Los Angeles Police and Sheriff's Departments, as well as the Philippine American Bar Association (PABA).

It was agreed in the meeting that aside from addressing the criminal, judicial and legal aspects of anti-AAPI hate, it is equally important to provide financial and moral support, as well as psychological assistance.

The assistance PACS extend to victims of hate crimes and incidents include allowing them to discuss the incident within a safe space, as well as providing counseling, and even food and shelter.. END.