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## **LA PCG AND UCLA TO PROMOTE PHILIPPINE STUDIES**

Los Angeles, CA, 2 May 2024- The Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles and the University of California in Los Angeles (UCLA) signed a grant agreement on a program of activities to promote Philippine Studies at the University.

The Consulate General, on behalf of the Philippine Government, donated Php 1 million to enhance UCLA's educational programming and research on Philippine indigeneity, archaeology, and history through a speaker series, a conference on indigeneity, and exhibits on Philippine history and culture.



*Seated: Consul General Edgar B. Badajos (left) and UCLA Vice Provost Cindy Fan (right);  
Back: (left to right) PCG LA Protocol Officer Elvis Tamayo, Cultural Officer Edelwina Valencia, Consul Marie Cris Chieng, Deputy Consul General Maria Alnee A. Gamble; UCLA Center for Southeast Asian Studies (CSEAS) Director Prof. Stephen Acabado, CSEAS Assistant Director Nguyet Tong, Postdoctoral Fellow Madeleine Yakal, UCLA Director for International Development Gil Ramirez and Save the Ifugao Terraces Movement Chief Operating Officer Marlon Martin*

In his remarks during the signing ceremony, then Consul General Edgar B. Badajos said that the Philippine government's engagement with foreign academic institutions such as the UCLA is one important aspect of the Philippine Government's cultural diplomacy

strategy in helping establish a better and deeper understanding of Filipino culture and heritage overseas.

Consul General Badajos expressed hope that the agreement would be one of many partnership activities between the Consulate General and UCLA. He also acknowledged the Office of Senator Loren Legarda for providing the funding for the Philippine Studies program

The Consul General also thanked UCLA Center for Southeast Asian Studies (CSEAS) Director, Prof. Stephen Acabado, who will oversee the implementation of the donation agreement, for his dedication and continuous research into Philippine archaeology.

UCLA Vice Provost Cindy Fan thanked the Philippine Government for partnering with UCLA and expressed a similar hope for an enduring collaboration between UCLA and the Consulate General, particularly since global engagement is one of the University's strategic priorities. Vice Provost Fan also shared the strides that UCLA-CSEAS has achieved in promoting Philippine Studies, which includes the establishment of a Pilipino Studies minor in 2020.

The collaboration between the Consulate General and UCLA marks a significant step forward in promoting academic exchanges, research endeavors, and cultural activities related to Philippine Studies.**END**