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CONGEN BADAJOS CALLS ON FIL-AM COUNCILMEMBER OF BELLFLOWER CITY; GETS THE LATTER'S SUPPORT FOR CONSULATE'S PROGRAMS



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Sonny R. Santa Ines

13 May 2021, Los Angeles – Continuing his introductory calls on local government officials in Southern California, Consul General Edgar B. Badajos virtually called on City of Bellflower Councilmember, Hon. Sonny Santa Ines in the morning of 12 May 2021 via Zoom.

The friendly conversation between the two officials became an avenue to discuss potential areas for collaboration, particularly in educating Filipinos and Filipino-Americans in managing and growing their finances strategically through the Consulate General's financial literacy program.

“Our goal is also to help our *kababayan* transition to the Philippines as part of the Philippine Government's reintegration program, if they wish to return home to the Philippines,” the Consul General added. Councilmember Santa Ines said, he can gladly support the program as resource speaker in future financial literacy seminar.

Citing the recent opening of a Fil-am restaurant in Bellflower, Mr. Santa Ines likewise expressed his support for the Consulate's gastrodiplomacy

program dubbed, “Lutong Pinoy, Lasang Pinoy sa Los Angeles,” by helping to arrange the participation of the restaurant in the program.

A native of San Jose, Nueva Ecija, Councilmember Santa Ines was elected to the Bellflower City Council in 2011 and 2018. He served as Mayor of the City from 2014 to 2015, and again from 2018 to 2019. Bellflower is located in southeast Los Angeles County.

Joining Consul General Badajos in the virtual call was the Consulate General's Information Officer, Mary Grace D. Leaño. END.