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## ConGen Badajos Meets with Fil-Am Leaders in Arizona



Los Angeles, 15 September 2021 – Around 50 Filipino and Filipino-American leaders, representing various community organizations based in Arizona, met with Consul General Edgar B. Badajos on 12 September 2021 in Phoenix, AZ on the sidelines of the consular outreach mission conducted by the Philippine Consulate General in the City.

During the town hall meeting, Consul General Badajos provided updates on the Consulate General's consular operations, saying "we continue to find ways to meet the consular demands of our clients. In fact, we have already increased our daily appointment slots and we have also been conducting consular outreach missions to various cities since May while simultaneously holding consular Saturdays at our offices in Los Angeles."



The Consul General also took the opportunity to explain that the Consulate General's mandate goes beyond just rendering consular services, and includes providing assistance to Filipino nationals in distress, as well as promoting the country's interests in the areas of trade, investment, tourism and culture.

Towards the end of his speech, Consul General Badajos appealed to the audience to register as overseas voters, remarking "I encourage you to exercise your right to suffrage. Choosing our leaders in the next election is crucial as our country recovers from the impacts of the CoViD-19 pandemic."

To date, there are an estimated 70,000 Filipino and Filipino-Americans in the State of Arizona. END.