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PHILCONGEN LA HOSTS COFFEE-TASTING EVENT

10 February 2023, Los Angeles – The Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles hosted a coffee-tasting at its premises on 09 February 2023 featuring *kapeng barako* or barako coffee. The event was aimed helping the local community to enjoy one of the country's best kept secrets: good, flavorful coffee.

LAPCG partnered with Mr. Ferdinand B. Soriano, Co-Founder of The EmPHorium, Mr. Ron Dizon of Teofilo Coffee Company, and Trade Commissioner Eric Elnar, PTIC-LA in organizing the event.

More than twenty (20) participants from around Southern California representing Filipino-American, American, Korean companies representing owners,

CEO, managers, associate, consultants of restaurants/coffee shops, coffee wholesaler, food broker, beverage retailer, food brand manager, etc., attended the event. Also among those who attended were the

following individuals/manufacturers who glady supplied the Philippine coffee and related products that were showcased during the event:

1. Mat Maderazo and Jose Alvaro Severino Nito of Planters Exports Philippines;
2. Merlo Agricultural Corporation of brand Batangas brew Mercado coffee and Café de Lipa (barako;
3. Dalareich Chocolate House (Bohol Chocolate Princess), manufacturers of GINTO chocolate bars and tableya.

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