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SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM OFFICIALS VISIT LOS ANGELES, CONDUCT BRIEFING ON MYSSS PENSION BOOSTER PROGRAM

Los Angeles, 6 September 2024 - SSS Senior Vice President for Information Technology Management Group, Ms. Maria Belinda San Jose, and SSS Vice President for Benefits and Administration, Ms. Joy Villacorta, joined by SSS – Los Angeles Representative, Ms. Anna Lee De Leon, called on the Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles and conducted a briefing for the Filipino-American community on the MySSS Pension Booster program.

During the call, LAPCG and SSS officials discussed the provision of SSS services in the United States, particularly in the US Southwest, and the issues faced by SSS members and pensioners in accessing these services. The two agencies also considered alternative arrangements that would benefit those who wish to access SSS services but are not able to obtain appointments in the SSS – Los Angeles office.

After the call, the SSS officials conducted a briefing where they highlighted SSS's motto, "once a member, always a member" to encourage Filipinos in the US to reactivate their SSS membership or to join the SSS and complete the minimum 120 contributions to qualify for a SSS pension as a way of supplementing their retirement needs.

They also introduced the MySSS Pension Booster program, which is a provident fund/savings program that can further increase retiree income. By contributing an additional amount, which can be as low as Php 500, to their monthly premium, a SSS member will earn higher interest with their pension booster account compared to a traditional savings or time deposit account. Last year, the pension booster savings fund had a return on investment of 6.79% while this year's target is 7.2%.

The briefing was well-received and the audience asked a number of questions regarding reactivation of SSS membership, joining the SSS, ACOP, SSS appointments, among many others..**END**



Acting Head of Post Maria Alnee A. Gamble (4th from left) with SSS Senior Vice President for Information Technology Management Group Ms. Maria Belinda San Jose and SSS Vice President for Benefits and Administration Ms. Joy Villacorta (5th and 6th from left, respectively) together with the participants of the SSS' Coverage and Pension Booster Information Campaign held at the Philippine Consulate General's Community Hall.