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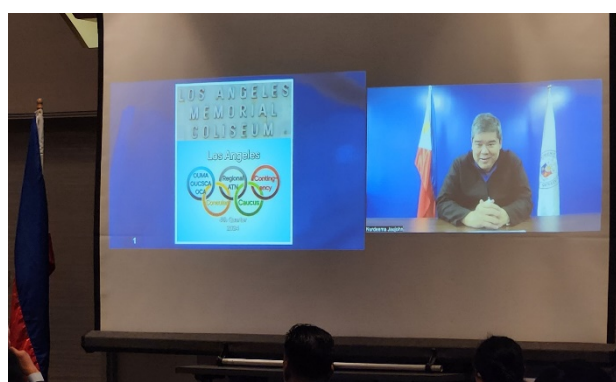
PHILCONGEN LOS ANGELES HOSTS REGIONAL CAUCUS ON ASSISTANCE TO NATIONALS, CONTINGENCY PLANNING, AND CONSULAR SERVICES FOR THE AMERICAS REGION



Members of the Philippine diplomatic corps from Foreign Service Posts in the United States, Canada and Latin America

Los Angeles, 25 November 2024 – The Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles successfully hosted the two-day Regional Assistance-to-Nationals (ATN), Contingency Planning, and Consular Caucus for the Americas Region from 23 to 24 November 2024. The meeting gathered members of the Philippine diplomatic corps from various Foreign Service Posts in the United States, Canada, and Latin America.

The Regional Caucus was officially opened by Philippine Ambassador to the United States Jose Manuel G. Romualdez, who provided a message highlighting the mandate of the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) to promote and protect the rights of Filipinos overseas. DFA Undersecretary for Migration Affairs Eduardo Jose A. De Vega delivered a presentation on the status of migration policy and the negotiation of bilateral labor agreements.



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Assistant Secretary for Migration Affairs Robert O. Ferrer, Jr., who led the Philippine delegation, facilitated the discussions on the current global and regional situation and the Philippine diaspora. Meanwhile, Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs Adelio

Angelito S. Cruz led the presentations covering the New Philippine Passport Act, as well as updates on civil registration, visa and authentication services.



Assistant Secretary for Migration Affairs Robert O. Ferrer, Jr. and Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs Adelio Angelito S. Cruz leading the discussions



Deputy Consul General and Acting Head of Post Maria Alee A. Gamble moderated the open forum where heads and representatives of participating Foreign Service Posts shared the status of their respective ATN operations. She began the discussions by providing an overview of the ATN work of the Consulate General, highlighting the various types of cases it handles, as well as key accomplishments within its jurisdiction covering an estimated 1.3 million Filipinos.

The two-day Regional Caucus provided a platform for exchange of best practices and strategies in dispensing critical ATN and consular services, with the goal of enhancing the delivery of service to Filipinos abroad amid the changing times. END