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PHILCONGEN LA CONDUCTS BRIEFING ON IMMIGRATION DEVELOPMENTS FOR FILIPINOS IN THE US

LOS ANGELES, CA - The Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles held the first installment of a two-part hybrid seminar entitled, “*Briefing on Immigration Developments for Filipinos in the U.S.*” on 18 February 2025. The event, which was headlined by Filipino-American legal experts, aimed at addressing community concerns arising from recent developments in U.S. immigration policies.

At the start of the seminar, Deputy Consul General and Acting Head of Post Maria Alnee A. Gamble highlighted the importance of knowing one’s rights and legal options amid the changing U.S. immigration landscape.

The resource speakers, composed of Filipino-American legal practitioners with expertise in U.S. immigration law, then tackled necessary information on Filipinos’ rights that are relevant to their current immigration status in the U.S., as well as practical tips in dealing with immigration authorities.



DCG & AHOP Maria Alnee A. Gamble delivering the opening remarks

Atty. Marlon B. Baldomero (*The Law Offices of Marlon B. Baldomero*) set the tone of the briefing by providing a backgrounder on the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and what to do during an ICE interaction. Atty. Ed Allan Lindain (*The Lindain Law Firm, PC*) tackled the respective jurisdictions of law enforcement and immigration agents and the Fourth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Meanwhile, Atty. Maria Theresa T.

Calimag (*Reeves Immigration Law Group*) talked about individuals' rights under the criminal justice system and during removal proceedings.



(L-R) Atty. Marlon Baldomero, Atty. Ed Allan Lindain, and Atty. Maria Theresa Calimag

The session culminated in a Q&A session where participants were able to seek further clarifications on specific rules they need follow in certain scenarios. It then closed with a reminder to participants of the rights available to them, as well as the consular assistance that may be extended by the Consulate General.

The seminar was broadcasted live on the Consulate General's official Facebook page and may be viewed at <https://fb.watch/xRUziwMNta/>.



Vice Consul Levi Anthony B. Malaylay moderating the Q&A portion

The second part of the hybrid seminar is scheduled to be held on 13 March 2025. END



Resource speakers with LA PCG officials and onsite participants