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PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS VISIT THE PHILIPPINE CONSULATE GENERAL IN LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles, 18 February 2025 – The Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles warmly welcomed Prof. Joel S. Fetzer, Distinguished Professor of Political Science at Pepperdine University, and his students for a familiarization visit at the Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles on February 14, 2025.



Prof. Joel Fetzer (left-most), AHOP Maria Alnee Gamble (5th from left), Consul Marie Cris Chieng (right-most) with Prof. Fetzer's students from Pepperdine University.

During the visit, Deputy Consul General and Acting Head of Post (AHOP) Maria Alnee A. Gamble gave the students an overview of the Consulate General's functions and responsibilities, with a highlight on the Consulate General's cultural diplomacy and community affairs engagement to promote Filipino heritage and culture within its jurisdiction. AHOP Gamble also provided a brief background on the life and works of the Philippines' National Hero, Dr. Jose P. Rizal, for which the Sentro Rizal, the Philippines' cultural center abroad, was eponymously named.

AHOP Gamble highlighted the strong presence of Filipinos in Southern California and invited the students to get to know Filipino culture by attending the various cultural activities hosted not only by the Consulate General but also by the various Filipino – American organizations in Southern California. She also encouraged the students to visit the Philippines, either for tourism or for educational purposes.

As part of the Consulate General's culinary promotion efforts, the students were treated to a traditional Filipino afternoon snack of *pansit malabon* (Malabon-style noodles), *lumpiang shanghai* (egg rolls) and *ensaymada* (a fluffy baked pastry).

Pepperdine University is a private Christian research university with its main campus situated in Los Angeles, California. END.

