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KAPIHAN SA KONSULADO DISCUSSES IMPACTS OF CURRENT U.S. ECONOMIC POLICIES ON THE FILIPINO- AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY



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18 February 2024 – The Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles organized a *Kapihan* at the Consulate on 13 February 2025 to discuss the economic policies of the new U.S. administration and its possible impacts on the Filipino business community.

Consulate representatives and representatives from the Filipino-American business community discussed how these policies, especially the new or renewed tariff regimes, are affecting the Fil-Am business community.



Acting Head of Post & Deputy Consul General Maria Alnee A. Gamble welcomes the Kapihan attendees.



Attendees exchanged ideas and views on the economic (tariffs, immigration, etc.) policies of the new U.S administration and its possible impact on the Filipino American business community.

In attendance were Filipino American business owners and representatives of Filipino American Business Chambers.

This roundtable is the first a series of small group meetings to hear and learn first-hand from the Fil-Am business community their thoughts on the current business landscape and its outlook for the future.

Post also took the opportunity to inform the attendees of the upcoming projects/events of Consulate including the Very Important Pinoy Tour to be held on 6-15 July 2025 and the upcoming Midterm Elections in the Philippines for the benefit of registered overseas voters. END.