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PHILCONGENLA WELCOMES BACK PH'S "CHOCOLATE QUEEN"

08 AUGUST 2025 – The Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles welcomed back the Philippines' "Chocolate Queen," Ms. Raquel Toquero-Choa, and the Chocolate Chamber (TCC) family for a courtesy call, where they discussed their ongoing initiatives to bring local products to the world stage.

During the meeting, Ms. Toquero-Choa highlighted her team's efforts to promote Philippine cacao and traditional chocolate-making abroad. She presented a selection of artisanal chocolate products and served authentic Filipino hot chocolate called the "sikwate," with a live demonstration of the traditional preparation thereof using a *batirol*.

Ms. Toquero-Choa is the founder of TCC, a Cebu-based company that was launched in 2011 to champion Philippine cacao and revive local chocolate heritage. TCC integrates bean cultivation, chocolate production, and distribution across both domestic and international markets.

Aside from her business pursuits, Ms. Toquero-Choa is an advocate for youth engagement in sustainable farming, inspiring the next generation to support local agriculture.

Present in the meeting were Deputy Consul General Maria Alnee A. Gamble, Consul Francis Maynard S. Maleon, Consul Levi Anthony B. Malaylay, and Trade Representative Michelle Fatima S. Sanchez, who expressed their commitment to assist in the promotion of the local chocolate industry in the U.S. Southwest.



Ms. Toquero-Choa presenting a curated selection of her local chocolate products



Ms. Toquero-Choa and The Chocolate Chamber with Consulate officials

To learn more about Ms. Toquero-Choa and her company, visit [The Chocolate Queen](#) and [The Chocolate Chamber](#) on Facebook. END