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Filipinos Avail of Consulate Saturday Services in New York



Left: The 1st batch of customers flock to the Consular Waiting Area. Right: Ms. Marites Marin of the SSS assists customers. Photos by NYPCG

NEW YORK – The Philippine Consulate General in New York kicked off February with its first Consulate Saturday for the year held on 03 February 2018 with over 100 members of the public availing of services.

In addition to the usual consular services offered, Social Security System (SSS) and PAG-IBIG inquiries were also entertained with the presence of SSS Representative, Ms. Marites C. Marin from the SSS-San Francisco Office and PAG-IBIG Services Officer, Mr. Michael F. Azucena.

A total of 54 ePassport applications were processed, 51 documents notarized, and 12 individuals took their oath as Filipino citizens under R.A. 9225 or the "Citizenship Retention and Re-acquisition Act of 2003." Consul General Ma. Theresa B. Dizon-De Vega administered the oath, with the approximately 180 participants of the 4th Filipino-American Community General Assembly serving as witnesses.

The 1st Consulate Saturday coincided with the General Assembly, making the latter serve also as a platform to inform the Fil-Am Community of the Philippine Consulate General's Consulate Saturdays and Consular Outreach Program for 2018.

Representatives from SSS, PAG-IBIG, and the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) will again be invited to join the next Consulate Saturdays scheduled on 05 May, 04 August, and 03 November 2018.

The Consulate Saturday services is a program designed to provide additional processing opportunities for clients who face challenges in taking a day off from work during the regular work week to avail of consular services. **END**



Consul General Theresa Dizon-De Vega administers the oath of allegiance to clients availing of citizenship re-acquisition services