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### Philippine Consulate in NY Hosts Know Your Rights Seminar on Immigration



(L-R) Atty. Licelle Cobrador, PACI President Carlo Gauat, Deputy Consul General Kerwin Orville C. Tate, Deputy State Director Joanne Cannon of the Office of US Senator Chris Murphy, PACI Treasurer Dr. Cory Vargas, and Past PACI President Erwin Buhat during the Know Your Rights Seminar in Connecticut. (Photo by New York PCG)

New York, 18 June 2018 – The Philippine Consulate General in New York, in partnership with The Pilipino Association of Connecticut, Inc. (PACI) hosted a *Know Our Rights Seminar on Immigration* at the Holy Spirit Church, in Newington, Connecticut on 17 June 2018.

The seminar was attended by more than 80 members of the Association and the Filipino community in Connecticut. Deputy State Director Joanna Cannon of the Office of US Senator Chris Murphy discussed the Senator's programs on immigration in Connecticut, including services provided by their Office to all Connecticut residents, regardless of immigration status. Ms. Cannon expressed the readiness of the Office of Sen. Murphy to extend assistance to the members of the Filipino community.

Atty. Licelle Cobrador, immigration lawyer and the current Executive Director of the Filipino American Legal Defense Education Fund (FALDEF) provided a briefing on important immigration information and immigration developments under the present U.S. leadership. Atty. Cobrador, who is also an active member of Post's Warden Geographic System, discussed the major shifts in immigration policies of the Trump

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administration. She also provided tips on what to do when an individual is confronted by an Immigration Officer.



(L) DCG Kerwin Tate delivers remarks during Know Your Rights Seminar. (R) Members of Filipino community in Connecticut during the open forum. (Photo by New York PCG)

Deputy Consul General Kerwin Orville C. Tate, the Acting Head of Post, provided a briefing on the current thrusts of the Philippine Consulate's programs and activities particularly on the Consulate's Assistance to Nationals' (ATN) initiatives. DCG Tate also emphatically mentioned the Philippine Consulate's determination to combat human trafficking and the continued effort by the Department to stamp out immigration scams that victimize Filipinos.

DCG Tate expressed his thanks to the officers and members of PACI for their willingness to be even more pro-active in working together to stop the victimization of Filipinos in Connecticut and in other parts of the East Coast. He requested further PACI members to help in the dissemination of the Philippine Consulate's programs and activities