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### **Philippine Social Security System (SSS) Opens at the Philippine Center in New York**



Consul General Claro S. Cristobal announces the opening of the SSS Office at the Philippine Center (Photo by NYPCG)

21 June 2019, New York City –The New York Office of the Philippine Social Security System (SSS) was officially opened at the Philippine Center on 21 June 2019 to serve Filipinos in the US Northeast.

In his remarks at the opening ceremony, Consul General Claro S. Cristobal encouraged *kababayans* to avail themselves of the services of SSS now that it has been made more accessible to those residing in the US Northeast. Gracing this milestone event was also one of the SSS Commissioners, Dr. Gonzalo T. Duque, who thanked the Consul General and the Philippine Consulate General in New York for hosting the SSS office at the Philippine Center. The manager of the Philippine Center, Consul Arman R. Talbo, was also present at the ribbon-cutting ceremony, together with Consul General Cristobal and Commissioner Duque.

In line with the policy of the administration of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte to strengthen support mechanisms for Overseas Filipinos (OFs), one-stop service centers for OFs in the Philippines have been established. In New York, the Philippine Center has been serving as such “one-stop shop” with the presence not only of the Consulate but other Philippine government agencies as well to serve the Fil-Am community.

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On June 2015, the Pag-IBIG office was launched. And four years later, SSS joins the Philippine Center. The Philippine Trade and Investment Center and the Philippine Department of Tourism also maintain offices in the Center. **-END.**



SSS Commissioner Gonzalo T. Duque encourages our kababayans to invest with SSS  
(Photo by NYPCG)



Consul Arman R. Talbo (in barong), Manager of the Philippine Center, together with some of our kababayans, attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the New York Office of the SSS  
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Consul General Claro S. Cristobal (2nd from left), Consul Arman R. Talbo (leftmost; Manager of the Philippine Center) and SSS Commissioner, Dr. Gonzalo T. Duque (3<sup>rd</sup> from left) did the honors of cutting the ribbon, with Ms. Celenia D. Dimaano and Marites C. Marin, SSS-NY and SSS-San Francisco representatives, respectively, watching.



Ms. Celenia D. Dimaano, SSS-New York Representative, entertains one of her first clients immediately after the ribbon-cutting ceremony (Photo by NYPCG).