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San Francisco, 26 May 2023 – Philippine Consul General Neil Frank R. Ferrer visited the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) in Golden, Colorado on 19 May 2023.

Consul General Ferrer was accompanied by Consul Vanessa Bago-Llona, Honorary Consul Donna Lavigne of Colorado, Filipino American community leader Shiela DeForest, and Atty. Jay Lavigne.

They met with NREL officials, including Mr. Ron Benioff, NREL International Program Manager and executive director of the Net Zero World

the recent official visit of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. to the U.S. and during Vice President Kamala Harris's visit to the Philippines. He noted the development of an energy resiliency program for the Philippines with the support of the U.S.

The NREL team gave an overview of the NREL's work, as well as the U.S.-Philippines energy cooperation. NREL conducts research in collaboration with partners worldwide and focuses on a range of clean energy systems, including solar energy, wind, water, geothermal, bioenergy, hydrogen, and energy efficiency. They also work on grid integration, grid modernization, clean energy transport, high-performance buildings, advanced materials, circular economy, and integrated energy systems.



L-R: Mr. Jal Desai of NREL and Mr. Ron Benioff, NREL International Program Manager and executive director of the Net Zero World Action Center, welcome Consul General Neil R. Ferrer at NREL campus in Golden, Colorado.



L-R: Consul Vanessa Bago-Llona, Ms. Sheila DeForest, Mr. Jal Desai, Mr. Akhil Magal, Mr. Ron Benioff, Consul General Neil R. Ferrer, and Philippine Honorary Consul in Colorado Donna Lavigne.



Action Center, which aims to accelerate the decarbonization of global energy systems; Ms. Derina Man, NREL's technical lead on the Advanced Energy Partnership for Asia, Ms. Margaret Mann, Lead for Clean Energy Supply Chain and EV Storage Analysis, Mr. Jal Desai, a member of the Strategies & Implementation Group in the Integrated Application Center, and Mr. Akhil Magal, a project manager with the Integrated Decision Support group in the Accelerated Deployment and Decision Support Center.

Consul General Ferrer underscored the importance of energy cooperation between the U.S. and the Philippines, which has been discussed at various government levels, including

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in collaboration with Positively Filipino, Philippine News Today,  
San Mateo County Behavioral Health & Recovery Services,  
and the City of South San Francisco  
invite you to our

# Our Family Our Future

14<sup>th</sup> Annual

A free and open-to-the-public event to promote elder care,  
prevent elder abuse and address Asian hate attacks

2:00–4:00 p.m. | Saturday, June 17, 2023  
SSF Municipal Services Building  
33 Arroyo Drive, South San Francisco, CA 94080

**WELCOME**  
Hon. Flor Nicolas, Mayor, City of South San Francisco;  
2023 Co-President, ALLICE

**KEYNOTE**  
Hon. David J. Canepa, District 5 Representative, San Mateo  
County Board of Supervisors

**MESSAGE**  
Hon. Leni Robredo, Former Vice President of the Philippines;  
Founder, Angat Buhay (Uplift Lives)

**PRESENTATIONS**  
*Safety Tips for those Witnessing or Experiencing  
Hate Incidences*  
Dr. Jei Africa, Director, San Mateo County Behavioral  
Health and Recovery Services

*9 Acts of Kindness to Empower Older Adults*  
Ms. Tessie Madrinan, Coordinator, Peninsula Family  
Service Filipino Peer Counseling Program

**RECOGNITION**  
*Grand Agers:* Aurea Cruz, Conrad Gamboa, Cynthia Bonta,  
Perla Ibarrientos, Peter & Estrella Chan

- Free health exams by Kaiser Permanente Filipino Association
- Light refreshments will be served
- Free raffle drawing follows the program; must be present to win
- Family and Health Service Providers will be present to address questions:  
Adult Protective Services San Francisco, Aging and Disability Resource Center San Francisco, Asian American Recovery Services/Healthright 360, San Mateo County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, Catholic Charities Adult Day Care Services, Colma Police Department, Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse, Daly City HART, Peninsula Family Service, Philippine Consulate General in San Francisco, Kaiser Permanente Filipino Association, National Alliance on Mental Illness, North East Medical Services, Ombudsman Services of San Mateo County, Pilipino Bayanihan Resource Center, Pilipino Senior Resource Center-San Francisco, Rape Trauma Services, San Mateo County Aging and Adult Services, San Mateo County Commission on Aging, SamTrans, Self-Help for the Elderly, Second Harvest of Silicon Valley, South San Francisco Police Department, South San Francisco Women's Club

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Consul General Neil Frank Ferrer (6th from right) with the new set of officers of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines - Northern California. Also in photo are IBP-NorCal incoming President Atty. Jean Serrano Kouznetzova (7th from right), Consul Jed Martin Llona (3rd, right) and Consul Rowena Pangilinan-Daquipil (2nd, right)

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, USA – The new set of officers of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines – Northern California Chapter (IBP - NorCal) led by Atty Jean Serrano Kouznetzova paid a courtesy call on Philippine Consul General in San Francisco Neil Frank Ferrer on 25 May 2023.

The two sides held discussions on resuming the regular free legal clinic at the Consulate where members of IBP NorCal provide legal advice to fellow Filipinos and Filipino Americans in need of

guidance on various cases, as well as the conduct of forums tackling common legal issues facing the community, including family law and probate.

Consul General Ferrer congratulated the new officers and thanked them for their support to the Consulate General for the past years, including during the pandemic. He said that he looked forward to continuing and enhancing the partnership by resuming the joint projects between the Consulate and IBP-NorCal.