



# CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES GENEVA

## CONSULATE GENERAL AND SSS PRESIDENT PROMOTE RETIREMENT, OFW BENEFITS IN GENEVA OUTREACH



The Consular Outreach was headed by Consul General Felipe F. Carino III (fourth from left). In attendance were Labor Attache Cheryl Daytec (third from right), Pag-Ibig representative Ms. Mylene M. Lontoc (second from left) and SSS representative Ms. Mary Jessielyn C. Sia (second from right) and members of the Philippine Mission and MWO.

**Geneva, 25 June 2023** – The Philippine Consulate General in Geneva, in cooperation with the Migrant Workers Office (MWO), Social Security System (SSS), PagIbig, and PH Continuing Registration for Overseas Voters team successfully conducted a Consular Outreach (*Konsulado ko, Bukas ng Linggo*) alongside the presentation to promote pension and retirement benefits by SSS President Rolando Macasaet before a sizeable audience of Overseas Filipino Workers.

The consular weekend outreach gave access to Filipinos residing in the Cantons of Geneva and Vaud to government services such as passport renewal and notarial, as well as SSS, OWWA, and PagIbig. The SSS representative reported serving 91 clients, Pag-Ibig had 118 total transactions, OWWA processed 65 clients and 8 clients for Overseas employment certificates while 12 clients for passport and notarial services were processed.

Consul General Felipe F. Cariño III administered the Oath of Allegiance to six (6) former Filipinos and dual citizens under the R.A. 9225 or the Philippine Retention and Reacquisition Act.



Other services include Overseas Voting which registered four (4) voters, while some Filipinos availed themselves of free consultations on consular, passport or labor-related concerns.

SSS President and Chief Executive Officer Rolando L. Macasaet, accompanied by the SSS team composed of Special Assistant Manuel Luis C. Antonio and Executive Vice President Voltaire P. Agas, was on-site to deliver a presentation before community members and render a courtesy visit to

Permanent Representative Evan P. Garcia. SSS President Macasaet informed members of various online features, benefits and added services and encouraged them to make timely contributions through monthly/quarterly or annual payment either through authorized remittance centers abroad, online payment platforms, or through friends or relatives in the Philippines. He also assured the public that the funds contributed to SSS are secure and are being invested in sound financial instruments that can maximize income for the benefit of SSS members.

The representative from SSS, Ms. Mary Jessielyn C. Sia, and Pag-Ibig representative Ms. Mylene M. Lontoc, from their permanent office/s in Milan, Italy, joined the outreach.

The Consular outreach is held 2 to 3 times a year in the Cantons of Geneva and Vaud, where about 7000 Filipinos are reportedly residing and working, in support of the Consulate General's mandate for the promotion of convenient, safe and secure public service for Overseas Filipino Workers. **END**