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**ConGen Cristobal meets with Fil-Am Press on his First Community Event**



The Filipino-American members of the press bid a warm welcome to Consul General Claro Cristobal on his first ConGen Press Hour on 3 July at the Philippine Center. (PCGNY Photo)

NEW YORK, 5 July 2018 – On his second day on the job, Consul General Claro S. Cristobal met with the Filipino-American members of the media at a Press Hour hosted by the Philippine Consulate General in New York (PCGNY) at the Philippine Center last 3 July.

Consul General Cristobal intimated that his current assignment as the Head of Post is his third stint in New York, having been posted as Third Secretary then Second Secretary at the Philippine Mission to the United Nations (PMUN) from 1990-1993, Consul at the PCGNY – Investment Promotion Unit from 1993-1997, then Minister at the PMUN from 2000-2002.

As the representative of Filipinos in his jurisdiction, he said he intends to contribute to the advancement of his fellowmen in the US, and in the Philippines. He outlined his plans for the community in terms of the three pillars of the Philippine Foreign Policy: National Security, Economic Diplomacy, Assistance to the Nationals. He added that he will endeavor to ramp up Public Diplomacy within the US Northeast to support his efforts in the three pillars.

CG Cristobal revealed he plans to continue the worthwhile programs of his predecessors, but also wants to innovate and introduce new systems and tread a new course in attaining his vision for the Filipino community.

In the Q&A that followed, CG Cristobal responded to questions on his leadership style; his willingness to address the media in pressing issues about the Philippines and the

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community; his plans to improve trade and investment activity between the Philippines and the US; PCG's assistance regarding immigration woes of Filipinos in the US Northeast; the Philippines' shift towards a Federalist government; as well as updates on the Command Conference with the Secretary of Foreign Affairs last month.

CG Cristobal vowed to continue the ConGen Press Hour regularly, recognizing that the media is the Consulate's partner in educating the community and strengthening Public Diplomacy efforts. END



"I will pursue an inclusive, participative, and results-oriented leadership," says Consul General Cristobal on his first Press Hour. (Photo by Lambert Parong)



ALL EARS. Members of the Press listen and take notes as newly-assumed ConGen Cristobal address their questions. (PCGNY Photo)

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