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## PHILIPPINE DELEGATION TO THE AUSAID FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM VISITS THE EMBASSY









24 October 2014 – First Secretary and Consul Jim Tito B. San Agustin received at the Chancery on Wednesday, 22 October 2014, the Philippine Delegation to the AusAID Fellowship Program on Inclusive Disaster Management being held in Queensland.

The Delegation was headed by Mr. Mateo Lee of the National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA). Other members were Mayor Christine Garin of Guimbal, Iloilo, Ms. Delfina Baquir and Mr. Mario Siwa of NCDA, Lt. Owen Adao and Mr. Julio Colarina of the Philippine Coast Guard, Ms. Golda Pocon of DSWD, Ms. Amie Dava of the Provincial Government of Antique, Ms. Amalia Decena of the Disabled Peoples Organization, Ms. Virginia Clavel of DILG, Mr. Vincent Sacriz of the Queensland University of Technology and Ms. Sheila Mae Satura.

The Delegation's Fellowship Program is a five-week course which started on 25 September 2014 and is being held at the Queensland University of Technology (QUT).

The meeting started with self introductions from each of the members of the Philippine Delegation as well as from Consul San Agustin.

It was followed by a short briefing by Consul San Agustin. He presented the Delegation with salient information on Philippine-Australia Relations, including Politico-Security issues, economic matters and people-to-people links. The West Philippine Sea issue was also briefly discussed. This was followed by a short Q & A.

The event ended with a presentation by the Delegation of gifts for Ambassador Anota and Consul San Agustin, and a group photo with Consul San Agustin and Consul Grace Anne Bulos. END