

PHILIPPINE AMBASSADOR VISITS CO. DONEGAL



Left to right; Consular Attaché Ma. Chloe Silverio, Finance Officer Ruth Patricio, Communications Officer Errol Reyes, Minister & Consul General Joy Quintana, Consular Attaché John Fajardo, Donegal Deputy County Manager John Mc Laughlin, Donegal Deputy Mayor Padraig Mac Lochlainn, Ambassador Ariel Y. Abadilla , Nathaniel Cabanero, Donegal Filipino Community Vice President Vicky Tahilan, Donegal Filipino Community President Cecille Budiongan, Patricia Mc Intyre, Administrative Officer, Donegal County Managers Office, Liza Rodriguez

Philippine Ambassador Ariel Y. Abadilla and the Embassy staff were warmly received by Co. Donegal Deputy Mayor Padraig Mac Lochlainn, representing the Mayor of Donegal Cora Harvey , during the Ambassador's visit to Ireland's northernmost County on 30 August 2010. The Embassy team was accompanied by leaders of the Filipino community in Donegal led by Ms. Cecille Budiongan. Ambassador Abadilla briefed the Deputy Mayor on the recent establishment of the first Philippine resident Mission in Ireland and the desire of the Philippine Government to foster stronger relations with Ireland in many fields.

A special briefing held at the County offices in Lifford was presented by Deputy County Manager John McLaughlin. At the briefing, Deputy Mayor Mac Lochlainn expressed thanks for the contributions of the Filipinos in Donegal and praised them for their hard work and dedication. He also pledged to look into the concerns of the Filipino community ranging from job security to immigration matters. The Ambassador and Deputy Mayor exchanged gifts after the briefing.



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