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PH AMBASSADOR IN GENEVA SUPPORTS TRAINING PROGRAM ON INNOVATION AND SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP FOR OVERSEAS FILIPINOS



Mabini Hall, Geneva, 25 September 2022 – Ambassador Evan P. Garcia recognized the completion of training and the hard work of two graduating batches of the Ateneo Overseas Filipinos’ Leadership, Innovation, Financial Literacy, and Social Entrepreneurship (ALSE OF-LIFE) Training program in official ceremonies held at the Philippine Mission. The Dean of the Ateneo School of Government, Dr. Philip Tuano, mass celebrant Fr. Vic Baltazar, S.J., and principal adviser of ALSE, Professor Ed Valenzuela, joined the ceremonies virtually.

As guest speaker, Ambassador Garcia mentioned the strong partnership of the community, ALSE, Ugnayan Bayan, Ateneo de Manila University School of Government, and the PH Mission which is focused on skills upgrade, empowerment, innovation, and entrepreneurship of Filipinos which finds complementarity with the mandate of the Mission/ Consulate General to protect and promote the interests and welfare of overseas Filipinos.

He also highlighted the graduates, composed of two batches (90 and 101), who completed the online program during the pandemic and participated in a business development/ presentation activity held at the Mission.

The ALSE OF-LIFE program is a unique program that is tailored to the Filipino community for training on financial literacy and social entrepreneurship in preparation for and to supplement their financial activities after retirement upon their return to the Philippines. The program also underscores the important aspect of paying forward and giving back to their local community in as part of the social entrepreneurship business model.

This year, the PH Mission hosted the business presentations module where the Consulate General official acted as one of the judges, as well as the graduation ceremonies at Mabini Hall in support of the graduates who requested for a face-to-face graduation ceremonies. **END**