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## NEW PHILIPPINE CONSUL GENERAL CALLS ON SHANGHAI VICE MAYOR



Consul General Maria Rowena Mendoza Sanchez and Shanghai Vice Mayor Tang Dengjie during the courtesy call at the Shanghai Municipal Building

21 August 2007—The Philippine Consulate General in Shanghai reported to the Department of Foreign Affairs that Philippine Consul General Maria Rowena Mendoza Sanchez paid a courtesy call on Shanghai Vice Mayor Tang Dengjie last 14 August.

During the courtesy call, Vice Mayor Tang extended his warm welcome to Consul General Sanchez and stated that relations between Shanghai and the Philippines are very close and productive. Vice Mayor Tang cited the strong presence of Philippine companies in Shanghai which help in improving trade, investment and cultural relations between the Philippines and

Shanghai.

Consul General Sanchez stated that she will work on further enhancing relations between the Philippines and Shanghai and looks forward to closely working with the officials of the Shanghai Government in order to achieve this objective. Consul General Sanchez stated that she will continue to encourage more Filipino companies to invest in Shanghai and likewise requested the Vice Mayor to also encourage Chinese businessmen to investment in the Philippines. She likewise cited the increasing number of flights between the Philippines and Shanghai and mentioned that this will provide more avenues for interaction between our two peoples.

Consul General Sanchez and Vice Mayor Tang also exchanged views on the Beijing Summer Olympics in 2008 and Shanghai's hosting of the World Expo in 2010 and how both sides can take full advantage of unprecedented opportunities that these events will offer.

In the coming months, Consul General Sanchez will likewise be paying her courtesy calls on various officials of Shanghai and the provinces of Anhui, Hubei, Jiangsu and Zhejiang. END

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