

US Chargé d' Affaires visits VMMC

US Embassy Chargé d' Affaires Heather Variava visited the Veterans Memorial Medical Center and met with top hospital officials on February 11, 2022. Joining Ms. Variava in her visit were delegates from the USDVA Manila Regional Office headed by Kevin McAllister.

VMMC Director Dominador M. Chiong Jr. together with the hospital executive committee warmly welcomed Ms. Variava and party at the Directors Office. The guests were then accompanied to the CPS Conference Room where a short meeting and brief presentation of the modest transformation of VMMC was held. After the meeting, Dr. Chiong gave the guests a tour of the hospital.

The highlight of the visit was a tour of the various hospital facilities and equipment donated or funded by the US Government which included the Eye Center, MRI machine, the Department Pathology, Ward-21 among others.

Halfway through the hospital tour, a "Greet and Meet" with the various heads and chiefs of the different departments, services and divisions of the hospital was held at the Valdes Hall. During the short meeting, Ms. Variava was given the opportunity to deliver a short message to the group. In her message, Ms. Variava expressed her appreciation and support for the dedication and sacrifices made by our health workers in the fight against COVID-19. She also noted the significant contribution of Filipino health workers in the US Healthcare System. Ms. Variava also assured management of her continued support to all of its endeavors and programs aimed to improve the quality of medical services provided to our veterans and their dependents.

After the tour, Dr. Chiong and the guests proceeded again to the CPS Conference Room where refreshment was served. The visit concluded with Director Chiong handing over a token of appreciation to Ms. Variava for accepting our invitation.

The Veterans Memorial Medical Center (formerly known as Veterans Memorial Hospital) was established in 1955 with full US Government assistance under the US Veterans Administration to provide quality hospitalization, medical care and treatment to Filipino veterans as provided by U.S. public law.



VMMC Director Dominador M. Chiong Jr. meets with US Embassy Chargé d' Affaires Ms. Heather Variava (seated from right) together with USDVA representatives at office of the Director.



Ms. Heather Variava gives a short message during the "Meet and Greet" with the Heads and Chiefs of the different departments, services and divisions of the Hospital.



VMMC Director, Dr. Dominador M. Chiong, tours Ms. Heather Variava and the USDVA representatives at the newly renovated Emergency Ward.