

Vancouver PCGHostsa Meeting of Consulates General with Worker Populations in B.C.



22 August 2018 - Consul General Gunn Kim of Korea (center, right side) gestures as he talks of the Canadian government's role in the protection of migrant workers, at a meeting of concerned Consulates General, hosted by Vancouver PCG. Consul General Maria Andrelita S. Austria offered to host the meeting as the Philippines' contribution to this important conversation on the plight of our foreign workers, following Mexico's initial hosting in March that focused on the problems experienced by seasonal agricultural and temporary foreign workers in the B.C. farms. This meeting discussed the newly-created, federally-funded Migrant Worker Support Network being piloted in B.C., and the central role of the Consulates in the process and structure of the Network.



After the meeting, Consul General Maria Andrelita S. Austria (center) poses with (R-L) Korean Consul Kangjun Lee, Indonesian Consul Maria Renata Hutgalung, Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program Housing Coordinator Hugo Velazquez, Mexican Consul General Berenice Diaz Ceballos, Korean Consul General Gunn Kim, Consul Arlene T. Magno, Labor Attaché Margarita Eugenia F. Victorino, and Welfare Officer Lilia de Guzman. Joining the meeting, via teleconference call, were First Secretary and Consul of the Guatemalan Embassy in Ottawa Alan Daniel Perez Hernandez and Jamaican Deputy Chief Liaison Officer Donna Adams who is based in Kelowna, B.C.