

Ambassador Generoso D.G. Calonge



Ambassador Calonge is career diplomat whose service in the Department of Foreign Affairs spans more than thirty six years. He has served in Philippine diplomatic missions, five of them as Head of Post, in the United States, Russia and United Arab Emirates, as well as in several offices in Manila.

Ambassador Calonge served in Israel for three years before his assignment to Chicago as Consul General in the summer of 2014. He completed his tour of duty abroad in late January 2018. Before assignment in Baghdad, he served as Assistant Secretary for Maritime and Ocean Affairs in Manila.

He earned his Bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of the Philippines in 1976, completed his degree in Law, also from the University of the Philippines in 1985, and then moved on to finish his Master of Laws from Harvard Law School in 1988. Ambassador Calonge served as an officer in the Philippine Army for six years before joining the Philippine Foreign Service. He topped the Career Minister Examinations in 1998. He graduated from the Australian Army's Officer Cadet School at Portsea in 1979. He placed number one in the Philippine Army's Scout Ranger Class No.33

Ambassador Calonge holds the rank of Commodore in the Philippine Coast Guard Auxiliary. He has a reserve commission in the Philippine Army as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Ambassador Calonge is very active in Knights of Rizal affairs. He was instrumental in the founding of three (3) KOR Chapters: Department of Foreign Affairs Pasay City Foreign Service Chapter, Philippine Embassy Washington DC Chapter (inactive), and Philippine Consulate General Chicago Maynilad Chapter. He was the founding Chapter Commander of the PCG Chicago Maynilad Chapter.

Ambassador Calonge is married to Gloria Salazar Calonge, Esq., and they have three adult children, namely, Golda, Nikki and Joshua Benedict. He has one granddaughter, Corie, daughter of Golda and son-in-law Aaron James.