



## Inclusion of Filipinos in Milan public health policy pushed

A Philippine research group recently presented its recommendation to include Filipino and other Asian migrants in Milan, Italy in its public health policy.

The Philippine Consulate General in Milan said a public talk on the “Health of Chinese and Filipino Migrants in Milan” was organized by the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) and Italy’s Fondazione ISMU (Iniziativa E Studi Sulla Multietniceta), with the support of the Comune di Milano on Oct. 9. The Japanese government provided funding support for the research project.

The public talk discussed the findings of the research proposal submitted to ASEF by the Yuchengco Center (YC) in the Philippines in partnership with Fondazione ISMU.

Dr. Trinidad Osteria, president of YC, was responsible for the Madrid component of the study and Dr. Annavittoria Sarli of ISMU was responsible for the Milan portion.

The inclusion of health in the key policies of Italy was very significant due to the large number of Filipinos living and working in the country. Filipinos are the fifth largest population in the whole of Italy and number one in Milan. Filipinos were mentioned as “the ideal migrants” because they work a lot, they save their earnings, are closely attached to their country, and are practicing Catholics. —Pia Lee-Brago

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