The Philippine Consulate General Milan launched an Online Gender and Development Seminar Series in celebration of the 2021 National Women's Month and International Women's Day



26 February 2021, Milan – To kick-off the celebration of the 2021 National Women's Month and International Women's Day, the Philippine Consulate General in Milan organized an online Gender and Development seminar entitled **Online Tagay: A Discussion on Men's Rights and Duties in a Marital Union**. Post invited Philippine Embassy in Ottawa Deputy Chief of Mission Francisco Noel R. Fernandez as resource person of the said activity, which was attended by approximately 52 Filipino male Community leaders of Italy and some spouses. Representatives from the Embassy in Athens also attended the seminar.



03 March 2021, Milan – Following the successful online seminar on the discussion of men's rights and duties, the Philippine Consulate General in Milan also conducted an online Gender and Development seminar entitled **Meet Up Para sa Kababaihan: A Discussion on Women's Rights and Duties in a Marital Union**. This activity aims to discuss and address issues that women continue to face so empowerment can be fully achieved. The resource speaker of the said event was Deputy Chief of Mission Francisco Noel R. Fernandez of the Philippine Embassy in Ottawa. The event was attended by over 70 Filipino Community leaders and members in Northern Italy. Representatives from the Philippine Embassies in Rome and Athens and members of the Filipino Community in London also attended the seminar.

08 March 2021, Milan – To show support in spreading the Online Advocacy: #WomenMakeChange, the Philippine Consulate General in Milan held an online seminar in collaboration with ASCS, Sto. Stefano and with Chiesa del Carmine Parish in Milan entitled Introducing WASI as a Psycho-social Intervention in the time of Covid. This program aims to offer a space for counselling, comfort and moments of sharing to migrant women in Milan and help them overcome traumas caused by migration. The services are offered for free in English, Spanish, Tagalog, Ukraine and Russian native speaking psychologists in Sto. Stefano Parish. Various Filipino Community leaders in Milan were invited to participate in the said seminar and committed to disseminating the information to their members.



