

## PHILIPPINE CONSUL GENERAL IN İSTANBUL MEETS OFFICIALS FROM YALOVA AND SAKARYA PROVINCES



*(Clockwise from top left: Call on with the Yalova Governor, Meeting with the Yalova Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Meeting with the head of the Sakarya Migration Directorate and Call on the Sakarya Governor)*

13 April 2021--As part of his calls on officials of the eleven (11) provinces under the jurisdiction of the Philippine Consulate General in İstanbul, Consul General Arvin de Leon visited Yalova and Sakarya provinces on separate occasions.

On 7 April 2021, CG de Leon called on Yalova Governor Muammer Erol. Present during the call were various officials from the provincial migration, police and port departments. Officers from the Yalova Chamber of Commerce also attended the call.

CG de Leon also called on Sakarya Governor Çetin Oktay Kaldırım on 12 April 2021 after meeting the officers of the Sakarya Chamber of Commerce and Industry. CG de Leon also had discussions with the head of the Sakarya Migration Directorate.

Both Sakarya and Yalova are part of the highly-industrialized Marmara region which accounts for almost half of Turkey's GDP.

On both visits, CG de Leon discussed possible areas of cooperation between the Consulate General and the provincial Governments and authorities specifically on the areas of trade and investments as well as the welfare of Filipino nationals residing in the two provinces. END.