



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **ADVISORY ON SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES**

Los Angeles, 1 October 2009 – The Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles exhorts Filipinos to exercise prudence and take extra precautions to safeguard their accounts and personal information in social networking sites, whose increasing popularity has seen a rise in cases of hacked, stolen or fictitious accounts.

Recently, a Filipino working in the Middle East was vilified online for statements against Typhoon Ondoy victims that were attributed to her. Her social networking accounts were apparently hacked two years ago, and since then, damaging statements have surfaced in her stolen accounts to malign her. ###end