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Consul General Mary Jo Bernardo Aragon administers the Oath of Allegiance to those re-acquiring their Philippine Citizenship under R.A. 9225.



Consul Jim Tito San Agustin and members of the LA PCG Consular Outreach Team are shown attending to passport applicants.

18 February 2009 — Consul General Mary Jo Bernardo Aragon of the Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles, California led a ten-member team to Las Vegas, Nevada on 14 and 15 February 2009 to conduct a consular outreach mission. The consular outreach mission is a regular activity of the Consulate to bring its various services closer to its constituents residing in other states within its jurisdiction.

Consul General Aragon was accompanied by Consul Jim B. San Agustin, Vice Consul Ruel U. Gunabe, Mr. Adrian Peran, Ms. Merle Ordillano, Mr. Carlo Cabral, Ms. Lyn Cabral, Ms. Mila Verzosa, Mr. Hilario Villamin and Ms. Rowena Namay.



The Philippine Consulate General, Los Angeles Consular Outreach Team with volunteers from FAHN, UPAAN, APO, Phil-Am Lions Club, Bicolanos and other Fil-Am Organizations in Las Vegas, Nevada.

More than eight hundred people came for various consular needs at the Masonic Memorial Temple in Las Vegas. The team received and processed 495 machine readable passport applications, 123 notarizations and 172 citizenship reacquisition applications. The outreach program also provided 139 Filipinos in Nevada the opportunity to register as overseas absentee voters, and vote in next year's presidential elections.

The outreach program was undertaken in cooperation with the *Filipino American Heritage Foundation – Nevada, U.P. Alumni Association of Nevada, Philippine American Lions Club of Las Vegas, Bikolnon Association of Las Vegas, Alpha Phi Omega Las Vegas Alumni*, and other Filipino American organizations in Las Vegas.