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LOS ANGELES TOPS OAV REGISTRATION FOR FEBRUARY



Los Angeles, 9 March 2009 – The Overseas Absentee Voting (OAV) Secretariat announced that as of 5 March 2009, a total of 13,350 has registered for the 2010 National Elections based from all Philippine Foreign Service Posts.

For the month of February, the Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles registered the highest OAV registrants at 1,073, closely followed by Hong Kong SAR (1,007) and Toronto (848). The Honorable Rafael E. Seguis, Undersecretary for Special and Ocean Concerns and Chairman of the Overseas Absentee Voting (OAV) Secretariat, in a fax message commended “Post’s creative efforts and initiatives in promoting the on-going OAV registration and its endeavor in encouraging Filipinos to register are worthy of emulation.”

All citizens of the Philippines abroad not otherwise disqualified by law, at least eighteen (18) years of age on the day of the election and who wish to vote for President, Vice-President, Senators and Party List Representatives for purposes of the 10 May 2010 National Elections must file applications for registration/certification as overseas absentee voters from **1 February 2009 to 31 August 2009**. The voting period will be from 10 April 2010 until 3:00 p.m. Philippine time 10 May 2010.

Photo above shows Vice Consul John G. Reyes (standing), Head of the OAV Secretariat in the Consulate, overseeing the registration of an OAV registrant while inset shows Misses Rowena Namay (right) and Milagros Versoza (left), both COMELEC-accredited Data Capturing Machine operators, process an application. ###end