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RESULTS OF THE CONSULAR OUTREACH PROGRAMS IN HOUSTON AND DALLAS, TX

Los Angeles, 20 March 2009 – A team from the Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles successfully conducted back-to-back consular outreach programs in Houston and Dallas, Texas on 12-13 and 15-16 March 2009, respectively.

The team was led by Vice Consul Charmaine Serna-Chua and composed of Vice Consul John G. Reyes, Ms. Corazon Villanueva, Ms. Rowena Sierra, Ms. Anna Liza Salvador, Mr. Hilario Villamin, Mr. Manuel Moran, Ms. Rowena Namay, and Mr. Michael Jet Martinez.

The success of these consular outreach programs was made possible in cooperation with the **Philippine American Chamber of Commerce of Texas (PACCTexas)** headed by **Ms. Ethel Mercado**, and the **Filipino American Council of South Texas (FACOST)** headed by **Ms. Tess Tuazon**, who also provided volunteers for both events.

Following is the breakdown of the consular services rendered during the outreach programs:

CONSULAR SERVICES	HOUSTON, TX (International Food Court)		DALLAS, TX (Memorial Park Recreation Center)		TOTAL
	12 Mar 2009	13 Mar 2009	15 Mar 2009	16 Mar 2009	
1. Dual Citizenship	63	41	44	11	159
2. Passport Renewal	603	549	548	337	2,037
3. Passport Extension	1	0	0	0	1
4. Lost Passport	6	16	3	4	29
5. Travel Document	1	0	0	0	1
6. Report of Marriage	26	19	21	14	80
7. Report of Birth	2	5	11	4	22
8. Legalization of Docs	13	9	14	2	38
9. OAV Registration	275	269	327	253	1,124
TOTAL	990	908	968	625	3,491

The Consular Outreach Program is a regular activity of the Consulate to bring its various services closer to its constituents residing in other states within its jurisdiction.

Another consular outreach program is being planned in the second half of the year to be able to render consular services to the more than a hundred thousand Filipinos and Filipino-Americans living in Texas.###end