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PSC CHAIRMAN CLARIFIES POLICY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ATHLETES IN THE PHILIPPINES

Los Angeles, 23 March 2009 – Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) Chairman Harry Angping clarified the Commission’s new policy regarding its decision to redirect its funds for the development of new talented athletes in the Philippines.

Chairman Angping, in his letter to the Department of Foreign Affairs, made clear that the policy does not discriminate against Filipino athletes based abroad, including those with dual citizenship. He added that Fil-foreign athletes are most welcome to join and be part of Team Philippines representing the country in international competitions; however, he believes that it is time that more homegrown potentials are also given equal opportunity by allowing them access to funds for their training and development.

He stressed that the move is just to redirect the funds to benefit more while at the same time saving on expenses. “The monies the government spends on the Fil-Foreign athletes would benefit more athletes if they were spent in the country instead of catering to the needs of a few Fil-foreign athletes abroad”, he explained.

He further explained that the National Sports Association (NSAs) is responsible for the technical, financial and other needs of the Fil-foreign athletes. The Commission’s mandate is merely to “supplement” them.

Angping is confident that the Filipino–American community will understand the Commission’s goal. ###End