



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **PHILIPPINE CONSULATE TO OPEN FOR OAV REGISTRATION ON 31 AUGUST 2009**

Los Angeles, 11 August 2009 – With the registration period coming to an end on **31 August 2009**, the Overseas Absentee Voters (OAV) Section of the Consulate will open from 9:00 am -12:00 pm and 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm.

The Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles appeals to all citizens of the Philippines abroad not otherwise disqualified by law, who are 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 until **31 August 2009**.

Although the Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles will be closed on 31 August 2009, in observance of National Heroes Day, opening the OAV section will allow last-minute OAV registrants to file applications for registration/certification as overseas absentee voters.

The voting period will be from 10 April 2010, 9:00 a.m. (Philippine time), or 9 April 2010, 5:00 p.m. (L.A. time), until 10 May 2010, 3:00 p.m. (Philippine time), or 9 May 2010, 11:00 p.m. (L.A. time).

Other consular services (e.g. passport renewal, civil registry, notarization of documents and dual citizenship) will resume the following day, 1 September 2009. ###End