



PRESS RELEASE

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CONSULAR OUTREACH IN NATIONAL CITY, CA

4 September 2010

Los Angeles, 20 August 2010 – The team from the Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles will conduct a Consular Outreach Program in **National City, California** on **4 September 2010**:

Location : **HOLIDAY INN (Coronado Room)**
700 National City Blvd., National City, CA 91950

Service Hours : **9:00 am – 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm**

The consular outreach program is being undertaken in cooperation with the ***Council of the Philippine American Organizations of San Diego County, Inc. (COPAO)***.

The following consular services will be rendered:

1. Applications for Machine Readable Passport (**Cost: \$50**), to be returned to the applicant by mail at an additional cost of **\$6**.
2. Applications for the retention and re-acquisition of Philippine citizenship pursuant to Republic Act 9225 or Dual Citizenship Law (**Cost: \$50**). Oath-taking will be scheduled on the same day for qualified applicants.
3. Applications for Report of Marriage & Birth (**Cost: \$25**) will be accepted but this will be processed in Los Angeles and returned to the applicant by mail at an additional cost of **\$6**.
4. Notarization of documents (**Cost: \$25**) will be accepted but this will be processed in Los Angeles and returned to the applicant by mail at an additional cost of **\$6**.

STRICTLY BY APPOINTMENT ONLY (by following the applicable scheduling steps below) **AND WITH COMPLETED DOCUMENTS ONLY. NO WALK-IN APPLICANTS WILL BE ENTERTAINED.**

1. **Appointment Scheduling Steps for Machine Readable Passport (MRP) Applicants**
 - a. Visit the Philippine Consulate website (www.philippineconsulatela.org) and print the passport application form;
 - b. Complete the passport application form; and,
 - c. **No later than 2 September 2010 or until we receive 300 applications, whichever comes first**, send an **advance copy** of the completed

passport application form and data page (bearing the name and photo) of the old passport to the Consulate by **fax (213) 639-0990**. **Other than the thumbprint and photo which will be done on site, all pertinent data on the application form must be completed. Otherwise, incomplete forms will not be processed.**

2. **Appointment Scheduling Steps for Dual Citizenship Applicants**

- a. Visit the Philippine Consulate website (www.philippineconsulatela.org) and print the Dual Citizenship Application form;
- b. Complete the Dual Citizenship Application form; and,
- c. **No later than 2 September 2010**, send an **advance copy** of the completed Dual Citizenship application form and supporting documents to the Consulate by **fax (213) 639-0990**. **Other than the thumbprint and photo which will be done on site, all pertinent data on the application form must be completed. Otherwise, incomplete forms will not be processed.**

Note: Oath-Taking will be scheduled on the same day for qualified applicants.

3. **Appointment Scheduling Steps for Report of Marriage (ROM) & Birth (ROB)**

- a. Visit the Philippine Consulate website (www.philippineconsulatela.org) and print the ROM or ROB form;
- b. Complete the ROM or ROB form; and,
- c. **No later than 2 September 2010**, send an **advance copy** (one set only) of the completed form and supporting documents to the Consulate by **fax (213) 639-0990**. Incomplete forms will not be processed.

4. **Appointment Scheduling Steps for Notarization of Documents**

- a. **No later than 2 September 2010**, send an **advance copy** of the document to be notarized to the Consulate by **fax (213) 639-0990**.

Information FOR ALL APPLICANTS

The Consulate regularly updates the appointment schedule posted on the website as they receive the completed applications.

The **final list** of all applicants with **pre-processed applications** will be posted at the Consulate's website (www.philippineconsulatela.org) **by 2 September 2010**. **Personal appearance is required** for all applicants for data verification, finger-printing and signature capture. Applications by mail are no longer accepted.

All **applicants** are **advised to transact** their **business** directly with **Consulate officials** and not through travel agencies.

Private photographers, who are knowledgeable of the photo requirements for the machine readable passport, will be **present** at the **venue** during the Consular Outreach for those who will need photos for passport renewal. To obtain details regarding the MRP passport photo requirements, applicants may visit the Consulate's website (www.philippineconsulatela.org).

Fees

Fees must be paid in person at the scheduled appointment. The Consulate will only accept payments in cash, postal money order or cashier's check. Personal checks will not be accepted.

Machine Readable Passport:	\$50 processing fee + \$6 for passports to be returned to the applicant by mail
Dual Citizenship:	\$50 processing fee
Civil Registry:	\$25 processing fee + \$6 for documents to be returned to the applicant by mail
Notarization of Documents:	\$25 processing fee + \$6 for documents to be returned to the applicant by mail

Contact Information

For information on consular matters, interested parties may wish to call: **Vice Consul Ruel U. Gunabe** at Tel: 1-213-637-3020. ###end