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## CONSULAR OUTREACH IN MCALLEN, TX

10 to 11 September 2016

Los Angeles, 11 August 2016 – A team from the Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles will conduct a Consular Outreach Program in McAllen, TX on 10 to 11 September 2016:

Location : McAllen Creative Incubator, 601 North Main Street  
McAllen, TX 78504

Service Hours : 9:00 am – 12:00 nn; 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm

The consular outreach program is being undertaken in cooperation with the **Philippine Honorary Consul in Texas - Ms. Ethel Mercado**, and **Philippine American Chamber of Commerce – Rio Grande Valley (PACCTexas -RGV) Mr. Merpu Roa, Region Chair**.

The following consular services will be rendered:

- Renewal and/or first-time applications for **Electronic Passport (ePassport)**. No lost passport applications will be accepted. The ePassports will be released to the applicants twelve (12) weeks from 16 September, 2016.
- Applications for the **retention and re-acquisition of Philippine citizenship pursuant to Republic Act 9225 or Dual Citizenship Law**. Oath-taking of qualified applicants will take place on the same day.
- Applications for **Notarization, Report of Marriage & Birth** will be accepted but these will be processed in Los Angeles and released to the applicant by mail.

### NOTICE TO ALL APPLICANTS:

- **STRICTLY BY APPOINTMENT. NO WALK-IN APPLICANTS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
- **APPLICATIONS THROUGH THIRD PARTY FACILITATORS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
- **APPLICANTS MUST PERSONALLY APPEAR DURING THE APPOINTED TIME AND BRING ALL THEIR ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS.**
- **FAILURE TO APPEAR DURING THE APPOINTED TIME OR TO BRING COMPLETE DOCUMENTS MAY RESULT IN THE APPLICANT'S EXCLUSION IN ALL CONSULAR OUTREACH SERVICES IN TEXAS FOR 2016.**
- **THE CONSULATE DOES NOT CHARGE FEES NOR ACCEPTS DONATION RELATED TO THE ENTRY OR USE OF THE VENUE**

### INFORMATION FOR ALL APPLICANTS

The final list of applicants with confirmed appointment schedule will be posted at the Consulate's website ([www.philippineconsulatela.org](http://www.philippineconsulatela.org)) by **05 September 2016**.

Check the Philippine Consulate website ([www.philippineconsulatela.org](http://www.philippineconsulatela.org)) for the complete list of requirements.

For information on consular matters, interested parties may contact the Consulate at (213) 637-3018 / 637-3027 / 639-0980 for Passport applications; (213)-637-3017 for Reports of Birth/Marriage/Death & Legalize/Notarize of Documents; and, (213) 639-3005 for Dual Citizenship.

### Appointment Scheduling Steps for ePassport Applicants

Visit the Philippine Consulate website ([www.philippineconsulatela.org](http://www.philippineconsulatela.org)) and download and accomplish the ePassport application form; send an advance copy of the completed ePassport application form and data page (bearing the name and photo) of the expired or expiring passport to; (Attn: McAllen, TX Outreach) [outreach.mcallen@gmail.com](mailto:outreach.mcallen@gmail.com) in **PDF format ONLY**. Thumbprints (if needed) and signature must be affixed and all pertinent data on the application form must be completed. In order to secure an appointment, your application and requirements must be received via email before **02 September 2016**

or **before we receive 192 applications, whichever comes first**. Thumbprints (if needed) and signature must be affixed and all pertinent data on the application form must be completed.

**INCOMPLETE/INCORRECT FORMS OR APPLICATIONS FROM THIRD PARTY FACILITATORS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED. Indicate on top of your application form: McALLEN, TX Outreach Program**

**Note:**

1. Personal appearance is required in all cases (including applicants who are 65 years old and above and minors who are below 18 years old).
2. Do not bring passport pictures.
3. The applicant must wear decent attire (no sleeveless and/or collarless attire) and without eyeglasses/colored contact lenses.
4. No facial piercings allowed.

**Appointment Scheduling Steps for Dual Citizenship Applicants**

Visit the Philippine Consulate website ([www.philippineconsulatela.org](http://www.philippineconsulatela.org)) and print the Dual Citizenship Application form; complete the Dual Citizenship Application form; and, send an advance copy of the completed Dual Citizenship application form and supporting documents to the Consulate (Attn: McAllen, TX Outreach) by email: [outreach.mcallen@gmail.com](mailto:outreach.mcallen@gmail.com) in **PDF format ONLY**. Other than the thumbprint and photo which will be done on site, all pertinent data on the application form, including photos must be completed. In order to secure an appointment, please email your application and requirements **no later than 02 September 2016, or until we receive 100 applications, whichever comes first**.

**INCOMPLETE/INCORRECT FORMS OR APPLICATIONS FROM THIRD PARTY FACILITATORS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED. Indicate on top of your application form: McALLEN, TX Outreach Program**

**Note:**

1. Oath-Taking will be scheduled on the same day for qualified applicants.
2. Applicants should take their oath as Dual Citizens in DECENT ATTIRE. The Consulate shall refuse oath-taking to applicants wearing inappropriate outfit such as: a) *Sleeveless shirts*, b) *Skimpy clothes*, c) *Shorts*, d) *Sandals* e) *Slippers*
3. Please bring all original documents including the application form, plus one photocopy of all documents on the day of your schedule
4. Please bring three (3) pcs. 2x2 colored pictures with white background.

**Appointment Scheduling Steps for Legalization/Notarization, Report of Marriage (ROM) & Birth (ROB)**

Visit the Philippine Consulate website ([www.phippineconsulatela.org](http://www.phippineconsulatela.org)) and print the Legal, ROM or ROB; complete the Legal, ROM or ROB form; and, **no later than 02 September 2016**, send an advance copy (one set only) of the completed form and supporting documents to the Consulate (Attn: McAllen, TX Outreach) by email: [outreach.mcallen@gmail.com](mailto:outreach.mcallen@gmail.com) in **PDF format ONLY**.

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**PAYMENT OF CONSULAR FEES**

- The Consulate will accept payments in cash, postal money order or cashier's check only.
- Payments should be made **PERSONALLY** to the collecting officer/cashier of the Consulate during the outreach program and inside the venue only.
- **ePassport (per application):** \$60 processing fee + \$23 mailing fee
- **Dual Citizenship (per application):** \$50 processing fee
- **Legalization/Civil Registry (per application):** \$25 processing fee + \$7 mailing fee