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## CONSULAR OUTREACH IN BAKERSFIELD, CA 30 April 2016

**Los Angeles, 28 March 2016** – A team from the Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles will conduct a Consular Outreach Program in Bakersfield, California on 30 April 2016:

Location : 201 New Stine Rd. Suite 350  
Bakersfield, CA 93309

Service Hours : 9:00 am – 12:00 nn; 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Outreach email : **bakersfield.consularoutreach@gmail.com**

The consular outreach program is being undertaken in cooperation with the Filipino Community of Bakersfield & Vicinity, Inc. led by Mr. Jun Rivera.

The following consular services will be rendered:

1. Renewal and/ or first-time applications for Electronic Passport (ePassport), to be returned to the applicant by mail sixteen (16) weeks from 10 May 2016. **No lost passport applications will be accepted.**
2. Applications for the retention and re-acquisition of Philippine citizenship pursuant to Republic Act 9225 or Dual Citizenship Law. Oath-taking will be scheduled on the same day for qualified applicants. Applicants are advised to wear appropriate clothing for the occasion.

### **NOTICE TO ALL APPLICANTS:**

- **STRICTLY BY APPOINTMENT ONLY** (by following the applicable scheduling steps below) **AND WITH COMPLETED DOCUMENTS ONLY. NO WALK-IN APPLICANTS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
- **APPLICANTS 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 WILL RESULT IN CANCELLATION OF APPOINTMENT.**
- **THE CONSULATE DOES NOT CHARGE FEES NOR ACCEPTS DONATIONS 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)) on or before 20 April 2016.

Check the Consulate's 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) 401-1020 / 637-3021 (for Passport applications for Bakersfield outreach) and (213) 637-3006 (for Dual-Citizenship for Bakersfield Outreach)

Please indicate on application form – BAKERSFIELD Consular Outreach.

### **Appointment Scheduling Steps for ePASSPORT Applicants**

1. Visit the Philippine Consulate website ([www.philippineconsulatela.org](http://www.philippineconsulatela.org)) and download and accomplish the ePassport application form;
2. Send an advance copy of the completed ePassport application form and data page (bearing the name and photo) of the expired or expiring passport in PDF format. Thumbprints (if needed) and signature must be affixed and all pertinent data on the application form must be completed. For first-time ePassport applicants, please send copies of your supporting documents.
3. All applications must be emailed to the Consulate (Attn: Bakersfield Outreach) at this email address: **bakersfield.consularoutreach@gmail.com**. INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.
4. Please indicate your complete contact details including email address and telephone number since you may be advised regarding submission of additional documents, if needed.

**All applications must be received no later than 15 April 2016 or until we receive 100 applications, whichever comes first.** Please note that applications are easily filled up after a week or less so please ensure that your application is complete.

Please note that personal appearance is required in all cases (including applicants who are 65 years old and above and minors who are below 18 years old). Do not bring passport pictures. Photos and biometrics of the applicant will be taken onsite. The applicant must wear decent attire (no sleeveless and/or collarless attire) and without eyeglasses/colored contact lenses. No facial piercings allowed.

### **Appointment Scheduling Steps for DUAL CITIZENSHIP Applicants**

1. Visit the Philippine Consulate website ([www.philippineconsulatela.org](http://www.philippineconsulatela.org)) and print the Dual Citizenship Application form;
2. Complete the Dual Citizenship Application form and prepare supporting documents

3. Send an advance copy of the completed Dual Citizenship application form and supporting documents;
4. All applications must be emailed to the Consulate (Attn: Bakersfield Outreach) at this email address: **bakersfield.consularoutreach@gmail.com**. INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED
5. Please indicate your complete contact details including email address and telephone number since you may be advised regarding submission of additional documents, if needed.

Please note that oath-taking will be scheduled on the same day for qualified applicants. Applicants should take their oath as Dual Citizens in DECENT ATTIRE. The Consulate shall **REFUSE** oath-taking to applicants wearing inappropriate outfit such as:

- Sleeveless shirts
- Skimpy clothes
- Shorts
- Sandos
- Slippers

**All applications must be received no later than 15 April 2016 or until we receive 50 applications, whichever comes first.** Please note that applications are easily filled up after a week or less so please ensure that your application is complete.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR ALL APPLICANTS**

The Consulate regularly updates the appointment schedule posted on the website upon receipt of completed applications.

**The final list of all applicants with confirmed appointment schedule will be posted at the Consulate's website ([www.philippineconsulatela.org](http://www.philippineconsulatela.org)) by 18 April 2016.**

All applicants are required to PERSONALLY APPEAR during their appointment time for data verification, finger printing and photo/signature capture and must bring all original documents. All applicants are advised to transact their business directly with Consulate officials.

### **PAYMENT OF CONSULAR 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. Payments should be paid directly to the collecting officer/cashier of the Consulate during the outreach program and inside the venue only. Please be informed that the Consulate has not authorized other people or entities to collect fees for all consular services rendered.

- ePassport : \$60 processing fee + \$25 mailing fee
- Dual Citizenship : \$50 processing fee
- Civil Registry : \$25 processing fee + \$7 mailing fee

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