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CONSULAR OUTREACH IN HOUSTON, TX

19 to 20 November 2016

Los Angeles, 18 October 2016 – A team from the Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles will conduct a Consular Outreach Program in Houston, TX on 19 – 20 November 2016:

Location : First Filipino American United Methodist Church (*Multi Purpose Building*)
8603 South Kirkwood Road
Houston, TX 77099

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 Consulate in Texas** and the **Philippine American Chamber of Commerce of Texas (PACC Texas)** under the leadership of Honorary Consul **Ethel Mercado** and PACC Regional Chair **Ms. Tess Tuazon**.

The following consular services will be rendered:

- Renewal and/or first-time applications for **Electronic Passport (ePassport)**. The ePassports will be released to the applicants twelve (12) weeks from 22 November 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:

- THE CONSULATE WILL START ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS SENT VIA EMAIL FOR APPOINTMENT SCHEDULING ON WEDNESDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2016. APPLICATIONS SENT BEFORE THIS DATE WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.
- 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 2017.
- 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) by **15 November 2016**.

Check the Philippine Consulate website (www.philippineconsulatela.org) for the complete list of requirements.

You may also contact the Consulate at (213) 637-3030 / 637-3006 for Passport applications; (213) 637-3027 for Reports of Birth/Marriage/Death; (213)-637-3021 for Legalization/Notarial of Documents; and, (213) 637-3025 for Dual Citizenship.

Appointment Scheduling Steps for ePassport Applicants

Visit the Philippine Consulate website (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: Houston, TX Outreach) consular.outreach.houston@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 **11 November 2016** or **before we receive 336 applications, whichever comes first**.

INCOMPLETE/INCORRECT FORMS OR APPLICATIONS FROM THIRD PARTY FACILITATORS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED. Indicate on top of your application form: HOUSTON, 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, skimpy clothes, shorts, sandals) particularly collared top for photo capturing.
4. Facial piercings, eyeglasses and colored contact lenses are not allowed during photo capturing.
5. Please bring your original application form, Philippine passport, photocopy of data-page of Philippine passport and original PSA birth certificate (if required for non-epassport holders) your scheduled date for the outreach.

Appointment Scheduling Steps for Dual Citizenship Applicants

Visit the Philippine Consulate website (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: Houston, TX Outreach) by email: consular.outreach.houston@gmail.com in **PDF format ONLY**. Other than the thumbprint 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 11 November 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: HOUSTON, 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 and 1 photocopy of all required documents and 3 pictures 2x2 width, white background on your scheduled date for the outreach,*

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

Visit the Philippine Consulate website (www.phippineconsulatela.org) and print the Legal, ROM or ROB; complete the Legal, ROM or ROB form; and, **no later than 11 November 2016**, send an advance copy (one set only) of the completed form and supporting documents to the Consulate (Attn: Houston, TX Outreach) by email: consular.outreach.houston@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

