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Registration of Filipino Overseas Absentee Voters Reset to 1 February 2009

NEW YORK – The Philippine Consulate General New York wishes to advise the public that, as per Resolution of the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) issued on 26 November 2008, the commencement of the registration for overseas absentee voters has be reset from 1 December 2008 to **1 February 2009**. The registration period will end on 31 August 2009.

All citizens of the Philippines abroad, not otherwise disqualified by law, at least eighteen (18) years of age on May 10, 2010 or the day of the election and who wish to vote for President, Vice-President, Senators and Party List Representatives for purposes of the May 10, 2010 Philippine National Elections must file applications for registration/certification as overseas absentee voters from Dec. 1, 2008 to August 31, 2009 at the Philippine Consulate General in New York. The voting period will be from April 10, 2010 until 3:00 p.m. Philippine time to May 10, 2010. The Philippine Consulate General is located at 556 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10036 between 45th and 46th Sts.

Applicants must personally bring the following:

1. A valid Philippine Passport;
2. In the absence of a valid Philippine Passport; a) original/certified true copy and photocopy of Birth Certificate from the National Statistics Office in Manila (BC-NSO) and b) Permanent Resident Card (“Green Card”);
 - In the absence of the BC-NSO, a) original / certified true copy of non-availability of birth certificate from the National Statistics Office (NSO) in Manila and b) original; / certified true copy of Birth Certificate issued by the Local Civil Registrar (BC-LCR) or baptismal certificate.
3. If a dual citizen, the original or certified true copy of Order of Approval of his application to retain or reacquire his Filipino citizenship or Oath of Allegiance issued by Philippine Embassy/ Consulate or Bureau of Immigration;
4. If a seafarer, a copy of the Seaman’s Book or any other document that will prove that he is a seafarer;
5. In case identity and qualification of applicants cannot be established, additional documents to support identity and qualification of applicants may be required.

The Philippine Consulate General may also conduct field registration to States under its jurisdictions where there are large concentrations of Filipinos who intend to register and vote.

For any questions, please contact the Philippine Consulate General in New York at (212) 764-1330 ext. no. 603 or visit www.pcgny.net. END.