



**PHILIPPINE CONSULATE GENERAL  
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**CONSULAR OUTREACH IN JERSEY CITY, 1 FEBRUARY 2009  
Overseas Absentee Voter (OAV) Registration begins**

NEW YORK - The Philippine Consulate General New York, the Catholic Action of Mary and the Pan American Concerned Citizens Action League, Inc. invite all Filipinos and former Filipino citizens to avail of consular services during the first Consular Outreach for 2009, to be held at the Marian Hall of St. Mary's Church on the corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Erie St. in Downtown Jersey City this 1 February 2009, Sunday, from 10 am to 3 pm, following the "Misang Pilipino" at 9am at the Main Church.

The Consular Outreach program of the Philippine Consulate General is a yearly project aimed at reaching out to members of the community who are unable to come to the Consulate during our regular hours. While we usually target outlying communities geographically distant from our office in Midtown Manhattan, this year's schedule will include communities proximate to the Consulate, in our effort to include as many people as possible in our campaign for the Overseas Absentee Voting (OAV) Registration. This effort aims to enfranchise overseas Filipinos, enabling them to participate in the 2010 Philippine Presidential Elections.

Applications for the new machine readable Philippine Passport processing, which requires personal appearance and revised photo requirements, will also be processed during the outreach, in addition to Legalization of documents and Re-Acquisition of Philippine Citizenship. Documentary requirements and procedures are posted on our website: [pcgny.net](http://pcgny.net).

We continue to work with our outreach partners and will post the schedule for the rest of the Northeastern States as soon as possible. Organizations who wish to coordinate with us in this effort to bring consular services to the community are asked to call our office at 212-764-1330 and look for the outreach coordinator: Elena Maningat, Vice Consul, Passport Section.

We look forward to serving the needs of the Filipino-American community in Jersey City. END

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*Labanan ang Kahirapan*

*Ramdam ang Kaunlaran*

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