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**DFA ANNOUNCES 2009 PHILIPPINE FSO EXAM SCHEDULE**

MANILA – The Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs has announced that, pursuant to provisions of the Foreign Service Act (R.A. 7157) of 1991 and the Revised Administrative Code of 1987, the Board of Foreign Service Examinations (BFSE) will be holding the Foreign Service Officer (FSO) Examinations to recruit candidates for appointment to the position of Foreign Service Officer, Class IV, the entry level for the career diplomats of the Philippine Foreign Service.

Applicants must be knowledgeable on the economic, political and social conditions of the Philippines, and must possess not only facility in oral communication, but also the personality traits essential to the performance of duties of Foreign Service Officers. They must also be willing and able to accept assignments to any post where their services may be required.

Qualifications are as follows:

1. **Citizenship** – The applicant must be a Filipino citizen. Pursuant to RA 9225, those who pass the FSO Examinations with more than one citizenship shall subscribe and swear to an oath of allegiance to the Republic of the Philippines and its duly constituted authorities, and renounce their oath of allegiance to any other country, prior to assumption of office. If married to a foreigner, the applicant must obtain prior authorization from the Secretary of Foreign Affairs, through the BFSE Secretariat, to take the exam. If the applicant is a naturalized Philippine citizen, s/he should submit a copy of his/her Philippine naturalization papers or a Philippine passport.
2. **Education** – Applicants shall have at least graduated from a four (4) year bachelor's degree course or its equivalent, and shall present the transcript of record and diploma, certificate of graduation or its equivalent from a college or university of recognized standing.
3. **Age Limit** – Applicants shall be no more than thirty-six (36) years of age on 10 May 2009.

Part I, the FSO Qualifying Test, will be conducted for Filipino citizens outside of the Philippines on **10 May 2009**. For residents of the Americas (North and South), the venue will be:

**The Philippine Embassy, Washington DC**  
1600 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington D.C.  
Tel: 202.467.9300 | Fax: 202.467.9417

For more information, please visit: <http://dfa.gov.ph/?cat=24> END.

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