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**NEW YORK PCG OBSERVES EID'L FITR**  
***Holiday on Monday, 21 September 2009***

NEW YORK – In union with our Muslim brothers and in accordance with a proclamation made by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, the Philippine Consulate General New York will be closed on Monday, 21 September 2009 in observance of the End of Ramadhan, Eid'L Fitr.

The Muslim faith bears great importance in our religious and cultural identity as a people and as a nation. It is to bring this to the fore of our national consciousness that Eid'L Fitr was included in the list of regular Philippine holidays, alongside Christian holidays, contained in Republic Act 9492 signed on 25 July 2007.

Yearly, the Philippine Office of Muslim Affairs is responsible for determining the appropriate date for the Philippines to celebrate both Eid l'Fitr (a national holiday) and Eid l'Adha (a regional holiday for the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao).

Regular business hours will be observed for the rest of the week. END