JOINT ADVISORY ON THE REOPENING OF THE PHILIPPINE CONSULATE GENERAL IN HOUSTON

The Philippine Consulates General in Chicago, Houston and Los Angeles wish to inform Filipinos and Filipino Americans of the reopening of the Philippine Consulate General in Houston (Houston PCG) on 24 September 2018, which will have consular jurisdiction over Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

Upon its reopening, Houston PCG will offer civil registry services such as Reports of Birth, Marriage and Death, notarial services, affidavits, certification, authentication services, issuance of travel documents and fingerprinting for National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) clearances.

Passport processing, visas and dual citizenship services will be made available in the coming days. Further advisory shall be issued by Houston PCG for this purpose.

At the same time, the three (3) Consulates General shall observe a transition period from today until 31 December 2018 during which the following shall be implemented:

1. The Philippine Consulate General in Chicago shall continue to render the usual consular services to applicants from Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Oklahoma;

2. The Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles shall continue to render the usual consular services to applicants from New Mexico and Texas. It will also still be able to conduct at least one consular outreach mission to Dallas, Texas scheduled on 20-21 October 2018. Other outreach missions within the former consular jurisdictions of the Consulates General in Los Angeles and Chicago for the rest of the year will be programmed, if still necessary.

3. Notaries public in said states shall communicate directly with the Philippine Consulate General in Houston for their accreditation;

4. Filipino community organizations in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas may wish to communicate with Houston PCG for their inclusion in its community organization directory.

Commencing on 01 January 2019, Filipinos/Filipino-Americans from Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas shall be required to submit all applications for consular services to Houston PCG. The Consulates General in Chicago and Los Angeles will no longer accept such applications.

As is usual, Passport and emergency Travel Document applications can be applied for by Filipino citizens in any Philippine Foreign Service Post in the United States.

Houston PCG is temporarily housed at 9990 Richmond Avenue, Suite 270N, Houston, Texas, and will move into Suite 100N at the same building by the end of the year.

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