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ANNOUNCEMENT

- Subject: 1. *Reopening of the Philippine Consulate General in HCMC*
 2. *Appointment of a new Honorary Consul General in HCMC*

The Philippine Embassy in Hanoi wishes to inform the Filipino community in Vietnam that the Philippine Consulate General in Ho Chi Minh City (HCMC) will resume its delivery of services starting on **11 January 2011**. The Philippine Consulate General's contact details are as follows:

Address: 40-5 Pham Viet Chanh St., Ward 19
 Binh Thanh District, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
Tel. No.: +84 8 3518 0045
Fax No.: +84 8 3518 0047
Email Add: philippineconsulate-hcm@fmc.com.vn
Office hours: 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Days open: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday

Ms. LE THI PHUNG, Vietnamese national based in HCMC, is the new Philippine Honorary Consul General appointed by Philippine Foreign Affairs Secretary Alberto G. Romulo. Her appointment was accepted by the Vietnamese Government and on 16 December 2010, she officially assumed her duties as Philippine Honorary Consul General. Ms. Phung is the Founder and CEO of Financial Management and Consulting Company (FMC) and PhungLe Law Firm, both with head offices in HCMC. Her consular jurisdiction is HCMC and its suburbs.

Section 25 of Republic Act No. 7157 or the Philippine Foreign Service Act of 1991 states that the Secretary of Foreign Affairs may appoint honorary consuls in areas where there are no Philippine embassies or consulates, from among private persons, to perform certain consular functions on a non-career basis. Appointment to the position of Philippine honorary consular officer is one of trust and confidence, and appointees to this position serve at the pleasure of the Secretary of Foreign Affairs. Honorary consuls and their staff do not receive compensation from the Philippine Government.

The general responsibility of a Philippine honorary consular officer is to promote and protect the interests of the Philippines in his consular district, particularly those relating to trade, investments and tourism. It is also his duty, within the limits of his authority, to protect the rights and promote the welfare of Philippine citizens in his consular district.

Following are the consular services that may be rendered by Honorary Consul General Phung, and those that may be rendered only by the Philippine Embassy in Hanoi:



Consular Services	Philippine Embassy in Hanoi	Honorary Consul General in HCMC	Remarks
Visa	✓	✓	
Authentication (diploma, transcript, NBI clearance, birth certificate, marriage certificate, labor contracts, commercial documents, etc.)	✓	✓	The Embassy and Consulate will only process documents authenticated by the Department of Foreign Affairs in the Philippines or the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Hanoi / Department of External Relations in HCMC)
Acknowledgement (Special Power of Attorney, letter of undertaking, authorization letter, etc.)	✓	✓	Personal appearance is required for <i>acknowledgement</i> of documents
Affidavits (sworn statements such as Affidavit of Loss; Support and Consent; contracts and agreements, etc.)	✓	x	Only regular consuls are authorized to administer oaths. Personal appearance is required for affidavits.
Passport applications (new, renewal, extension, amendment)	✓	x	
Travel Document	✓	✓	A Travel Document is a form of passport issued for emergency cases and valid for one-way travel to the Philippines only.
Certification/fingerprinting on NBI application forms	✓	✓	Application forms may be obtained at the NBI's office in Manila
Certification on shipment of remains; Sealing of Casket	✓	✓	
Report of Birth / Marriage / Death	✓	x	
Certificate of Legal Capacity to Contract Marriage (CLCCM)	✓	x	Personal appearance is required.
Solemnization of Marriage between two Filipinos	✓	x	
Application for Retention/Reacquisition of Philippine citizenship	✓	x	
Registration of Filipinos	✓	✓	
For other consular needs not listed here, please call the Embassy's Consular Section at 844 3943 7873 ext 114 during office hours (9-11:30 AM, 2:00-4:30 PM, Monday to Friday)			

Kindly forward this announcement to all your Filipino friends/relatives in Vietnam. Thank you.

