

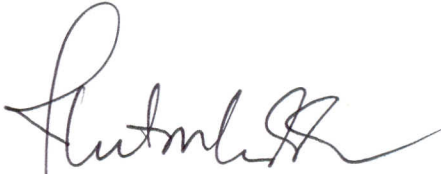
## NEW GUIDELINES ON PASSPORT ISSUANCE FROM 1 APRIL 2010

The Philippine Consulate General would like to inform the public of the following guidelines on the issuance of green passports from 1 April 2010 onwards:

1. The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) has set **31 March 2010** as the last day allowed for ICAO member countries to issue the green passports (MRRP)\*. Effective 1 April 2010, the Department of Foreign Affairs will only issue Machine Readable Passports (maroon) in the Office of Consular Affairs (DFA Manila), Regional Consular Offices (RCOs) and Foreign Service Posts (FSPs);
2. In case of a lost or expired passport and the holder is travelling to the Philippines with urgency, the Philippine Consulate General in Macau may issue a one-way Travel Document and advise the holder to apply for an MRP or e-Passport in Manila or any of the RCOs;
3. Filipinos in Macau are advised to apply for early renewal of their green passports (MRRP), even for those with passports that are still due to expire in six months.

*\*MRRP stands for Machine Readable Ready Passports*

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