



**Philippine Consulate General
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PRESS RELEASE

DFA'S NEW CONSULAR FACILITY

MANILA (PNA) — The Department of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines opened on 4 March its new facility to service the authentication of consular documents, passport issuances, and other consular applications at the new location of its Office of Consular Affairs (OCA) section at the ASEANA Business Park on the corner of Bradco and Macapagal Avenues in Parañaque City.

The new OCA site is a few blocks from the Department of Foreign Affairs main building on Roxas Boulevard, near the SM Mall of Asia.

Foreign Affairs Secretary Alberto Romulo said at the inaugural blessing of the building that the new facility continues the DFA's program of upgrading passport and consular services, which began with the issuance of the Machine Readable Passport (MRP) in 2007 and more recently the electronic passport (ePassport).

To ensure quick service, passport applicants are advised to check the passport requirements and secure an online appointment at www.dfa.gov.ph (consular tab), or to call the consular help-line number (02-556-0000) or DFA telephone number (02-834-4000).

Applications may also be filed with the DFA's 19 Regional Consular and satellite offices throughout the Philippines.

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