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CANBERRA PE COMMENCES OVERSEAS VOTER REGISTRATION FOR THE 2019 NATIONAL ELECTIONS

Canberra, 01 December 2016 – The Philippine Commission on Elections (COMELEC) and the Philippine Embassy in Canberra are pleased to inform the public of the resumption of registration/certification of qualified overseas Filipinos for purposes of the 2019 National Election. Applications for registration may be filed from 01 December 2016 until 30 September 2018.

Personal appearance is a requirement to complete your application.

Application forms may be downloaded from the website of the COMELEC at www.comelec.gov.ph.

Who may register

All citizens of the Philippines, who are abroad or will be abroad during the thirty (30) day voting period, at least eighteen (18) years of age on the day of the elections and not otherwise disqualified by law, may register.

Where to file applications for registration/certification

Applications for registration/certification may be filed at the Philippine Embassy in Canberra or at any Philippine Foreign Service Post (FSPs) abroad or at designated registration centers outside the Post or in the designated centers in the Philippines as approved by the Commission on Elections (COMELEC).

Requirements for filing of applications for registration/certification

Every applicant shall accomplish OVF No. 1 and submit the following:

1. Valid Philippine passport to establish his/her identity;
2. In case of applicants who availed themselves of the “Citizenship Retention and Reacquisition Act” (RA 9225), the original or certified true copy of the



Mr. Arthur John T. Mendoza from Melbourne, Victoria is the first registrant for Overseas Voting for the 2019 National Elections. Consul Jim Tito San Agustin oversees the registration process.

Order of Approval of their application to retain or reacquire their Filipino citizenship issued by the FSPs (Embassy/Consulate) or their Identification Certificates issued by the FSPs or the Bureau of Immigration; or,

3. In case of seafarers, a photocopy of their *Seamans Book* or any other pertinent document.