

# PRESS RELEASE

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### **INAUGURAL 2016 MOBILE MISSION SERVICES 795**

During its inaugural mobile mission for 2016, the Philippine Embassy rendered service to a total of seven hundred ninety-five (795) consular clients in Melbourne, Victoria from 19 to 22 January 2016.

The mobile team, headed by Consul Grace Anne Bulos who was supported by her colleagues from the Embassy, Mr. Ronaldo Pilapil and Mr. Ruel Peñaflores, Philippine Consul a.h., Mr. Felix Pintado, and the hardworking volunteers from the Philippine Consulate in Melbourne, ably attended to six-hundred sixty-eight (668) Philippine ePassport applicants, twenty-four (24) of who also filed civil registry reports in conjunction with their passport application.

Ms. Bulos also administered the oath of allegiance to those who reacquired their Philippine citizenship under Republic Act No. 9225 or the Citizenship Retention and Re-acquisition Act of 2003. From 19 to 20 January 2016, Ms. Bulos “welcomed” back to the Philippines one-hundred twenty-seven (127) Filipinos who happily articulated their oath in the Filipino language.

In her remarks prior to administering the oath to the petitioners, Ms. Bulos expressed her appreciation for their decision to reacquire their Philippine citizenship and their contributions as ambassadors of goodwill and human bridges of friendship between the Philippines and Australia. She informed the petitioners for Philippine citizenship that 2016 is a milestone year for the Philippines and Australia, which celebrate this year the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their diplomatic relations which was first established on 4 July 1946. She encouraged them to continue actively participating in the Philippines’ nation building and in strengthening the multicultural fabric of Australia through their noteworthy endeavors, including support for the Philippines-Australia 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorative activities and the upcoming Philippine national elections in May.



*Consul Grace Bulos and Mr. Ronaldo Pilapil attend to passport applicants.*



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Melbourne  
Felix Pintado  
welcomes  
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*Consul Grace Bulos of the Philippine Embassy thanks the petitioners for contributing to the enrichment and strengthening of Philippines-Australia ties.*



*Victoria-based petitioners for reacquisition of Philippine citizenship swear allegiance to the Philippines.*