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CONSULAR MISSION TO MELBOURNE SERVICES OVER SIX HUNDRED CLIENTS

The Philippine Embassy recently concluded its inaugural Mobile Passport Mission for 2017, with more than 600 passport applicants served from 16-20 January 2017 at St. Francis Church in Melbourne, Victoria.

The Consular Mission was headed by Consul Jim B. San Agustin and included Mr. Carlomagno Estole, Ms. Kathleen Tudio, Mr. Roderick Sierra and the Philippine Labor Attaché, Atty. Rodolfo Sabulao. The Embassy's Mobile Passport Mission was organized with the Philippine Consulate in Melbourne headed by Mr. Felix Pintado, Philippine Honorary Consul to Victoria. On hand were the Consulate staff and volunteers, namely Consul Pintado's wife Di Jamieson, Ms. Nini Jover, Ms. Virginia Del Rosario, Mr. Fred Jover and Ms Marissa Misola.

The Mobile Mission also administered the oaths of allegiance to one hundred eighteen (118) former Filipinos who reacquired their Philippine citizenship under Republic Act No. 9225 or the Citizenship Retention and Re-acquisition Act of 2003, and registered more than three hundred (300) Overseas Voters.

The resumption of registration of qualified overseas Filipinos for purposes of the 2019 National Election commenced in December 2016 and will run until 30 September 2018. 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.

All Mobile Passport Missions of the Embassy until next year will provide a venue for Overseas Filipinos to register for the 2019 elections.



The consular team attending to passport applicants and overseas voting registrants



Consul Jim San Agustin and Consul Felix Pintado brief the RA 9225 applicants prior to their reacquisition of Philippine citizenship.