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Applications for Retention / Re-acquisition of Philippine Citizenship under RA 9225

The Philippine Consulate General (PCG) in Calgary wishes to inform the public that **due to the high volume of applications received for the retention/re-acquisition of Philippine citizenship** under Republic Act 9225 or the *Citizenship Retention and Re-acquisition Act of 2003*, **an applicant's oath-taking ceremony may be scheduled months after his/her submission of the complete application.**

The PCG may not also be able to immediately respond to calls or emails from clients following up on the applications that they have submitted.

It will be recalled that the PCG had to close down on 20 March 2020 until 31 May 2020 due to Alberta's public health emergency declaration to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Applications received by mail during those months have added to the backlog of applicants who are now eligible to take their oath. The PCG is also observing physical distancing at its premises and it can only accommodate **a limited number of people for the oath taking ceremonies.**

Further, the PCG is prioritizing the applications of those with emergency travel (e.g. death in the family) to the Philippines

Thus, the PCG requests applicants to please wait for the PCG's email notifying them of either of the following:

a. If there are **additional supporting documents** required in order to process their application; OR

b. **Schedule of the oath taking ceremony**, if the documents are complete and the application is approved.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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