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REGISTRATION FOR OVERSEAS VOTING BEGINS 1 DECEMBER 2016

8 November 2016 – The Philippine Consulate General in Calgary is pleased to announce that overseas voter registration will begin on 1 December 2016 and continue until 30 September 2018, enabling Filipino citizens who have not previously registered as overseas voters to vote in the 13 May 2019 National Elections and subsequent elections.

All citizens of the Philippines who are abroad or will be abroad during the 30-day voting period (13 April – 13 May 2019), at least 18 years of age on 13 May 2019 and not otherwise disqualified by law, may register as overseas voters.

Filipino citizens in Alberta and Saskatchewan who have not previously registered as overseas voters may register at the Consulate General in Calgary. The requirements for registration are:

1. A valid Philippine passport. In the absence of a valid Passport, the applicant must be able to present documents that would allow him/her to apply for a Philippine passport (e.g. NSO birth certificate, photocopy of old Philippine passport);
2. Accomplished Overseas Form No. 1 (available at the Consulate or downloadable from the COMELEC website – www.comelec.gov.ph);
3. For dual citizens – Original or Certified True Copy of the Order of Approval of their application to retain or reacquire Filipino citizenship, issued by a Philippine Foreign Service Post, or their Identification Certificate issued by the Bureau of Immigration.

“Hinihikayat po namin ang lahat ng mga Pilipino sa Alberta at Saskatchewan na hindi pa nakakapag-rehistro bilang overseas voters na samantalain ang pagkakataong ito at mag-rehistro sa Konsulado habang maaga pa,” Consul General Torres said.

He also reminded those who have previously registered to ensure that their names are included in COMELEC’s List of Certified Overseas Voters, which may be viewed at the COMELEC website. END