

Dasuguan ng Pilipinas



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TO ALL FILIPINO COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND FILIPINO MEDIA IN AUSTRALIA

In connection with the 9 May 2016 Philippine National and Local Elections, the Philippine Embassy wishes to share the attached message of Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs and Chairman of the Overseas Voting Secretariat Rafael E. Seguis.

The Embassy requests your assistance in disseminating the message to your members.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank the Filipino community and Filipino media in Australia for their steadfast partnership with the Philippine Government in its nation building efforts.

We look forward to the successful conduct of the 2016 Elections with the active support of all registered Overseas Voters in Australia.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nina P. Cainglet'.

NINA P. CAINGLET
Charge d'Affaires, a.i.



OVERSEAS VOTING SECRETARIAT

MESSAGE

Minamahal kong Kababayan,

Warm Greetings from the Department of Foreign Affairs-Overseas Voting Secretariat!

I am writing to you to request your invaluable support, for our nation building efforts in strengthening Philippine democracy, by encouraging overseas Filipinos to vote in the upcoming 2016 Philippine national elections.



As you may very well know, the voting period for registered overseas Filipino voters is from 09 April to 09 May 2016, 1700H (Philippine Time). Our Kababayans abroad will once again have the opportunity to participate in choosing the leaders that will manage their invaluable economic contribution to the country and our people. Thus, having a say in which direction we will be heading to in the years to come.

For information on the candidates, mode of voting in your area, where and how to vote, please visit the website of the Philippine Embassy or Consulate that is nearest to you, or go to www.comelec.gov.ph or www.dfa-oavs.gov.ph.

To complement the information drive and efforts of our Philippine Embassies and Consulates General, we request your support by undertaking an information campaign about Overseas Voting aimed at members of your family or community, and Filipinos in your areas of residence or employment, and encourage our countrymen to vote.

You may wish to disseminate this information during your meetings, events or other activities, or convey information in your newsletters or in the form you deem appropriate.

In addition, you may consider the use of appropriate social networking sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Viber, etc. and other available Internet-based technologies. The use of the social networking sites would establish or enhance connectivity with your family, association or community with its members and would also facilitate communication of important and current events as well as other relevant developments in our country.

We count on your invaluable support to make our political exercise more meaningful, credible, and effective, by ensuring the widest participation of Filipinos overseas.

Thank you very much for lending a hand in this important undertaking for our country and our people and for the future.

Let us move forward with our battle cry: VOTE IN 2016!

MARAMING SALAMAT PO! MABUHAY!

RAFAEL E. SEGUIS

Chairman, Overseas Voting Secretariat and
Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs

Pasay City, 02 March 2016