

**PHILIPPINE EMBASSY IN MANAMA LAUNCHES
WHATSAPP NOTIFICATION OF PASSPORT RELEASING**



Ms. Michelle Joy Garibay receiving her passport from Passport Officer Audrey Tupaz, after being notified by Whatsapp that her passport is already available for release.

14 February 2019 (Manama) – The Philippine Embassy in Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain has launched its Whatsapp Notification Project for Passport Applications in order to speed up the Embassy’s ability to relay to its clients that their passports are already available for release.

Ms. Michelle Joy Garibay, who applied for her passport on 03 February 2019, was among the first batch of applicants who received the Whatsapp notification that their passports may already be claimed from the Embassy’s Consular Section. She received the Embassy’s Whatsapp message on 12 February 2019 and claimed her passport on 13 February 2019.

The first batch of Whatsapp notifications was sent to a total of 107 passport applicants. In order to avail of the service, passport applicants are requested to register their names, as it appears on their passports, and their Whatsapp numbers at the Embassy’s designated counter. The project was launched through the assistance of Engr. Benjamin T. Descallar, Jr., who designed the notification system for the Embassy.END