

**OVERSEAS VOTERS REGISTERED IN OTHER PHL FOREIGN SERVICE POSTS
ALLOWED TO CAST THEIR BALLOTS IN MANAMA, BAHRAIN**



Labor Attache Cynthia Q. Lamban and Mr. Santos A. Lamban, who are both registered overseas voters at the Philippine Consulate General in Milan, Italy cast their ballots at the Philippine Embassy in Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain pursuant to COMELEC-OFOV Guidelines 2016-001.

29 April 2016 – Recognizing that overseas Filipinos are highly mobile, the COMELEC recently issued OFOV Guidelines 2016-001 allowing active overseas voters registered in one Foreign Service Post, i.e., Embassy or Consulate, to vote in the nearest FSP where they are present during the election period.

Taking advantage of this new directive from COMELEC, Labor Attache Cynthia Q. Lamban and her husband, Mr. Santos A. Lamban, were the first to vote at the Philippine Embassy in Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain, pursuant to the said Guidelines. Labor Attache Lamban previously served as the Welfare Officer at the Philippine Consulate General in Milan, Italy and she and her husband are both registered overseas voters in the said FSP. She assumed her post as Labor Attache in Bahrain only in February this year.



(Left photo) Ms. Jocelyn E. Galleto, a registered overseas voter in Singapore but is now a resident of Bahrain, signs the OVF 2-A before being handed her ballot. (Right photo) Mr. Paolo A. Ramirez, a registered overseas voter in Riyadh, KSA was also allowed to vote in Bahrain pursuant to COMELEC-OFOV Guidelines 2016-001.

Two other active registered overseas voters, Ms. Jocelyn E. Galleto and Mr. Paolo A. Ramirez, who are registered overseas voters in Singapore and Riyadh, respectively, but are now both residents of Bahrain, were also allowed to vote at the Embassy under the said Guidelines.

The Philippine Embassy remains open every day in order to accommodate those who wish to cast their ballots for the elections. Voting hours are from 9AM to 6PM during weekdays (Sundays to Thursdays) and from 8AM to 5PM on weekends (Fridays, Saturdays and Holidays).

Incidentally, on 01 May 2016, the Philippine Overseas Labor Office (POLO) and the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) office here in Bahrain will lead the celebration of Labor Day at the Philippine Embassy. **The Embassy will be closed for consular services but will be OPEN for overseas voting from 8AM to 5PM.**

Conduct of the overseas voting will continue until 12 noon of Monday, 09 May 2016.(END)