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BEWARE OF FAKE AFFIDAVITS OF SUPPORT

25 April 2014 - The Philippine Embassy in Abu Dhabi would like to again warn our valued *kababayans* against unscrupulous travel agencies and individuals who produce fake Affidavits of Support and Guarantee and sell these documents to the unsuspecting public. These criminals go to the extent of producing an "official receipt" purportedly issued by the Philippine Embassy in Abu Dhabi or the Philippine Consulate General in Dubai. These fake affidavits sell for 250 to 300 dirhams, much higher than the cost of the real one.

The Embassy wishes to inform the public that only Affidavits of Support applied for in the Philippine Embassy in Abu Dhabi or Philippine Consulate General in Dubai are true and valid. PERSONAL APPEARANCE of the person executing the affidavit is required. The cost is ONLY 100 Dirhams, with additional 40 dhs if you choose expedited processing. The affidavits are released within three (3) working days for expedited processing.

The Philippine Immigration authorities are aware of the proliferation of fake affidavits of support in the UAE. In order to avoid any inconvenience for the family members that you are sponsoring, please deal directly with the Philippine Embassy or Consulate General. The Philippine Immigration authorities off-load those found to be carrying fake documents. They may also create a derogatory record against them that will make it harder for them to leave the country on a visit visa.

The Philippine Embassy calls on those who were victimized by unscrupulous agencies or individuals to come forward and report the same to the Philippine Embassy or Consulate General so that actions could be taken in coordination with local police authorities. -END

