

07 March 2010 - The Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) wishes to inform the public that beginning tomorrow, March 8, passport services will commence at a new building located at the corner of Bradco and Macapagal Avenues in Aseana Business Park, near the Mall of Asia.

The new telephone numbers at this building are the following: (02)737-1000, (02) 831-8971, (02) 551-4437, (02) 551-4402, (02)834-4855 and (02) 834-4424.

To ensure quick, comfortable service, passport applicants are advised to check the passport requirements and secure an online appointment at [www.passport.com.ph](http://www.passport.com.ph) or call (02)737-1000. Applications may also be filed with the DFA's 19 Regional Consular and satellite offices.

Applicants are no longer required to bring photographs since they will have their pictures taken using ePassport data capturing machines at the new building.

They still need to bring other necessary requirements such as the application form that is available for download at the DFA website and at the reception desks of the new consular building.

Only those with confirmed appointments will be accommodated at the new facility. No escorts are allowed to accompany individual applicants at this time.

The new 7,000-square meter, four-storey building is a few blocks away from the DFA main building.

The new building is part of the ongoing modernization program undertaken by Foreign Affairs Secretary Alberto G. Romulo to further improve the DFA's frontline services which include harnessing new technologies in passport and visa issuances and streamlined procedures in the authentication of documents.

"It is part of our dream for the Filipino people to have a world-class passport and consular services. We have done it through the Machine Readable Passport (MRP) and the ePassport, and now the dream is complete with the new DFA-Office of Consular Affairs building," he said.  
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