

18 June 2010 - The Department of Foreign Affairs-Office of Consular Affairs encourages the public to avail of the passport processing and/or renewal in any of the 19 Regional Consular Offices (RCOs) located nationwide.

The RCOs are located in:

- Clarkfield, Pampanga
- San Fernando, Pampanga
- Baguio
- La Union
- Tuguegarao
- Batangas
- Lucena
- Puerto Princesa
- Legazpi
- Iloilo
- Bacolod
- Tacloban
- Cebu
- Cagayan de Oro
- Davao
- Zamboanga
- Butuan
- General Santos
- Cotabato

The new and highly-secure Philippine electronic passport (epassport) with microchip is now available in said RCOs. Their addresses are listed in the DFA website ([www.dfa.gov.ph](http://www.dfa.gov.ph)).

More RCOs will be opened this year and in the future to further enhance the issuance of passports to all Filipinos travelling overseas.

The Philippine ePassport is also now being issued by the following Foreign Service Posts (FSPs), namely: Agana, Brunei Darussalam, Chicago, Doha, Dubai, Hong Kong, Honolulu, Kuala Lumpur, London, Los Angeles, Milan, New York, Osaka, Ottawa, San Francisco, Seoul,

Tokyo, Toronto and Washington D.C.

Other FSPs are expected to issue the ePassport in due course.

The Philippine passport is also widely accepted by most commercial establishment as a valid government-issued identity document. END