

06 May 2011 - To respond to the recent unprecedented increase in passport applications, the Department of Foreign Affairs-Office of Consular Affairs (DFA-OCA) has added 500 new appointment slots to the regular 4,500 appointments available each working day for passport applications.

Similarly, the DFA-OCA also allotted 1,500 appointment slots on Saturdays. The passport office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

This measure adds 18,000 new appointment slots per month, which brings the total appointment slots to 106,000 per month.

The DFA advises the public to file their passport applications at least 12 weeks before their intended date of travel.

The DFA is exerting all efforts and is committed to respond to the consular needs of all Filipinos, especially of overseas Filipino workers (OFWs). END