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PHILIPPINE EMBASSY, OTTAWA GOES ON AIR FOR OVERSEAS ABSENTEE VOTING



CDA Joseph Gerard Angeles (3rd L) and Consul Rhenita Rodriguez (1st L) of the Philippine Embassy, Ottawa participate in the radio program *Tinig Pinoy* on CKCU-FM 93.1 to speak on Overseas Absentee Voting. They are joined by program hosts Mr. Pepito "Topits" Manalo (2nd L) and Ms. Regina Sosing-Ferrar (4th L). The radio program caters to the Filipino Community in Canada's National Capital Region (Ottawa).

26 April 2007 — Chargé d'Affaires, a.i. (CDA) Joseph Gerard B. Angeles of the Philippine Embassy in Ottawa, Canada reported to the Department of Foreign Affairs that he and Second Secretary and Consul Rhenita B. Rodriguez, intensifying efforts to encourage overseas absentee voters to participate in the electoral process, made a radio appearance on 24 April 2007 on *Tinig Pinoy* on CKCU-FM 93.1, a radio program catering to the Filipino community in Canada's National Capital Region (Ottawa).

of Election Inspectors (SBEI) and Special Ballot Reception and Custody Group (SBRCG), respectively – emphasized the importance of the vote of overseas Filipinos and discussed in detail many of the frequently asked questions on OAV, such as the conduct of voting and counting of votes.

During the hour-long radio interview, CDA Angeles and Ms. Rodriguez – concurrently the chairs of Special Board

They also read out the names of those registered voters whose electoral mail were addressed to the Embassy and advised these voters on how they can claim their ballots, and explained the procedure for the casting of votes as well as the instructions to voters in countries where voting-by-mail is utilized.

The Embassy representatives thanked *Tinig Pinoy* hosts Ms. Regina Sosing-Ferrar, Mr. Pepito Manalo and Mr. Ronan Mesa, for providing the Philippine Embassy the opportunity to encourage the Filipino community to vote early and wisely. END