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PHILIPPINE EMBASSY, THE HAGUE EMPLOYS FILIPINO RADIO PROGRAM IN AMSTERDAM TO PROMOTE OAV



Consul Leila Lora-Santos (left) guests on the Filipino radio program "*Atin 'To*" to inform program listeners about the ongoing Overseas Absentee Voting exercise. The radio program, sponsored by the Commission of Filipino Migrant Workers (CMFW), airs Monday and Friday nights in Amsterdam, and is popular among Filipinos in the city. With Consul Lora-Santos is CFMW Director Mr. Nonoy Hacbang, who interviewed her.

27 April 2007 — Philippine Ambassador to the Netherlands Romeo A. Arguelles reported to the Department of Foreign Affairs that the Embassy has been employing a Filipino radio program in Amsterdam to promote Overseas Absentee Voting in the country.

Ambassador Arguelles said that on 22 April, Consul Leila Lora-Santos, the OAV Contact Person at the Philippine Embassy in The Hague, was the guest at the Filipino radio program "*Atin 'To*," which airs from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Amsterdam every Monday and Friday. The radio show, a community service program of the Commission of Filipino Migrant Workers (CFMW), is popular among Filipinos in Amsterdam and can also be reached by other Filipinos via the Internet.

The interview was conducted by CFMW Director Mr. Nonoy Hacbang and focused on the ongoing Senatorial and Party-List elections. Consul Lora-Santos took the opportunity to inform the Filipino listeners about the elections, to read out the names of those voters whose ballots had been sent to the Philippine Embassy, and to encourage wide participation in the elections. The Filipino community was also invited to witness the conduct of the elections in the Netherlands by visiting the Embassy and viewing the actual counting and canvassing of votes.

Within the election period, the Embassy will call the radio station every Monday and Friday to sustain the information dissemination on OAV to the Filipino community in Amsterdam and other parts of the Netherlands. END