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The Honorable
ALBERT F. DEL ROSARIO
Secretary
Department of Foreign Affairs
2330 Roxas Blvd., Pasay City

Attn: **Assistant Secretary Jaime Victor B. Ledda**
Office of Consular Affairs

Dear **Sec. Del Rosario**:

Greetings from the Bureau!

As a matter of policy, foreign nationals who are holders of travel documents which do not fall under the definition of a regular passport duly issued by competent foreign government authorities (e.g. Emergency Travel Document, Titre de Voyage, Certificate of Identity and Laisses Passer Passport) must have genuine and valid entry visas issued by the Philippine Service Post prior to their entry into the Philippines.

Recently, there have been reports that a number of non-visa required foreign nationals are using travel documents that bear "Emergency Passport" (e.g. Korean Emergency Passport) instead of "Emergency Travel Document" and the like. An Emergency Passport is usually valid for one year and contains ten (10) pages or less.

In the interest of implementing a standard policy for admitting holders of Emergency Passports, we have instructed our personnel from our various ports of entry to ensure that Emergency Passports also have entry visas as a requisite for admission effective 01 March 2012.

Therefore, may we request that this information be disseminated to our service posts abroad for the guidance of concerned inbound passengers.

Very truly yours,


RICARDO A. DAVID, JR.
Commissioner

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