

**WARDEN MESSAGE**  
**March 4, 2011**

*THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES IS TRANSMITTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION THROUGH THE EMBASSY WARDEN SYSTEM AS A PUBLIC SERVICE TO AMERICAN CITIZENS IN THE PHILIPPINES. PLEASE DISSEMINATE THIS MESSAGE TO ALL U.S. CITIZENS IN YOUR ORGANIZATION OR NEIGHBORHOOD. THANK YOU.*

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**U.S. Embassy Offices Move into New Building**

**Some Embassy Offices Closed to Public on March 4-8**

Various offices of the U.S. Embassy in Manila will suspend public services from 12:00 NOON on Friday, March 4 through Tuesday, March 8 while they move into the recently completed new office building on the Embassy compound at 1201 Roxas Blvd.

Offices with services and/or operations that will be suspended on those days include:

Consular Section - American citizen Services  
Consular Section - Immigrant Visa Services  
Consular Section - Non-Immigrant Visa Services  
Social Security Administration  
Department of Homeland Security - Citizenship and Immigration Services  
Public Affairs Section (Public Affairs Counselor and Press Offices ONLY)  
Protocol Office

*Note: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs services are now available in the new building and clinic on the Embassy's Seafront compound in Pasay City will continue as usual and will not be affected by the move.*

During the move, ALL Embassy e-mail and internet service for "state.gov" addresses will be unavailable from the afternoon of Friday, March 4 until the early afternoon of Saturday, March 5, and telephone service, including the main embassy switchboard number, 301-2000, will be down for a very short while on the afternoon of Friday, March 4.

During those e-mail, internet, and phone service outages described above, Embassy offices may be contacted by telephone via the switchboard at the following landline numbers: 526-9819, 526-9820, 338-1702, and at the following cell phone numbers: 0918-948-6410, 0918-902-6517, 0918-948-6394, 0918-948-6350, and 0918-948-0013. Embassy employees will also continue to have telephone and texting service via their own mobile phones.

The new office building has large indoor and outdoor waiting areas. The number of service windows for passport and visa and other services will be expanded from 66 to 99. This will allow the public to have a faster, more efficient, and more pleasant experience in applying for visas, passports, and other consular services.

The project represents a \$130 million investment in the local economy, 2,000 jobs created, and 6,000,000 safe work hours. It is part of the U.S. Embassy's commitment to investing in the Philippines and in our long-term relationship and to providing user-friendly service to the people of the Philippines.

The Embassy recommends that U.S. citizens residing or traveling in the Philippines enroll with the U.S. Embassy's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program at:

<https://travelregistration.state.gov>. For the latest security information, U.S. citizens living and traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department's Bureau of Consular Affairs Internet web site at <http://travel.state.gov>, where the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Alerts, Travel Warnings, and health-information resources can be found. Up-to-date information on security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll free in the U.S. and Canada or, for callers in other areas by calling a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).