

PRESS RELEASE

PHILIPPINE EMBASSY IN BEIRUT CONDUCTS CONSULAR AND OAV OUTREACH



PHOTOS: Embassy officers and staff assist and answer queries by OFWs on consular and OAV matters.

06 January 2013 – The Philippine Embassy in Beirut undertook simultaneous consular and OAV outreach in three major areas in Lebanon, namely: Hamra, Tripoli and Antelias. The outreach activity was done mainly to disseminate the information contained in COMELEC Resolution No. 9578, which gave Overseas Absentee Voters (OAVs) who failed to vote in two consecutive elections until 11 January 2013 to manifest their intention to vote in the coming national election and to assist the OAVs in the timely submission of their manifestations to avoid them from being removed from the National Registry of Overseas Absentee Voters (NROAV). During the outreach activity, the Embassy collected the letters/manifestations for transmittal to the Committee on Overseas Absentee Voting through the Overseas Absentee Voting Secretariat (OAVS). A total of 9 Overseas Absentee Voters have so far submitted their manifestations during the outreach activity.

To facilitate submission by concerned OAVs, a pro-forma letter addressed to the Committee on Overseas Absentee Voting was distributed, where concerned OAVs will only need to supply the information required and affix their signature. During the outreach activity, the Embassy emphasized to the Filipino communities the deadline of the submission of their manifestations and also informed the Filipino communities the manners by which they could send their manifestations.

A week earlier, the Embassy had posted an announcement on this matter in its Facebook page, and also made announcements in two churches, which are frequented by OFWs. **END**