MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2019-2165

TO: All Regional Directors, Assistant Regional Directors, Chiefs of the Operations Division, District/Extension Offices, Licensing Centers and Employees Concerned

SUBJECT: SUSPENSION OF DRIVING LICENSE CONVERSION OF FILIPINO OFFICIAL PASSPORT HOLDERS IN MALAYSIA

DATE: 28 January 2019

Transmitted herewith is a copy of the directive from Assistant Secretary Orontes V. Castro, Office of Protocol, Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), relative to the attached letter from the Philippine Embassy in Kuala Lumpur; suspending the driving license conversion of Filipino official passport holders in Malaysia, effective 24 September 2018.

In the observance of the principle of reciprocity, processing of application for conversion of driving license of Malaysian official passport holders in the Philippines is hereby suspended. Diplomatic passport holders duly endorsed by the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) are exempted.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

For strict compliance.

EDGAR Q. GALVANTE
Assistant Secretary

cc: Hon. ORONTES V. CASTRO
Assistant Secretary
Office of Protocol
Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA)
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Pasay City
Sir:

The Office of Protocol of the Department of Foreign Affairs refers to the Land Transportation Office (LTO) the herein information received by the Department from the Philippine Embassy in Kuala Lumpur regarding the suspension of driving license conversion of Filipino official passport holders in Malaysia effective 24 September 2018.

The cooperation of LTO is earnestly requested in observing the principle of reciprocity in processing applications for conversion of driving license of Malaysian official passport holders in the Philippines.

Thank you and we look forward to your continued cooperation in matters of mutual concern.

Very truly yours,

For the Secretary of Foreign Affairs:

[Signature]

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia presents its compliments to all Diplomatic Missions and International Organisations accredited to Malaysia and has the honour to refer to the new regulation on driving licence conversion by the Road Transport Department of Malaysia (RTD) through its letter Ref. No. JPJ.BM.700-3/2/4 Jld. 2 dated 28 September 2018.

Further to the above, the Ministry has further the honour to inform that the driving licence conversion process for the international driving licence is now postponed with effective from 24 September 2018 until further notice. However, the exemption is given only to the diplomatic pass holder.

Foreign driving licence holder who wish to drive in Malaysia must use the International Driving Permit together with his/her country of origin driving licence, provided that the validity of the driving licence is still valid. Those who does not have the above documents, he/she needs to undergone the normal process for driving licence at the Malaysia Driving Institutes.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all Diplomatic Missions and International Organisations accredited to Malaysia the assurances of its highest consideration.

ALL DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS
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02 OCTOBER 2018