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**EXTENSION OF ePASSPORT VALIDITY STARTING OCTOBER 2019**

The Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) informed the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) that it has ceased extending the validity of ePassports in the Philippines as well as in Philippine Embassies and Consulates General overseas in compliance with the standards set by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

An advisory was issued by the Department last 29 October 2019 informing the public of the discontinuation of granting passport extensions, and advised passport holders to renew their passport at least one (1) year before expiry to prevent any inconvenience. Appointments for passport applications in the Philippines may be done through <http://passport.gov.ph>.

In this regards, the public is hereby informed that requests of passport holders with urgent travel for passport extensions in the Office of Consular Affairs (OCA) or in Philippine Embassies or Consulates abroad is discontinued.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

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