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**ADVISORY TO FILIPINOS TRAVELLING TO SLOVENIA:
Slovenian Visa Issuance through the Embassy of Belgium in Manila**

- Filipinos wishing to apply for visas for short-term visits to the Republic of Slovenia may now do so through the Embassy of Belgium in Manila, with the following address:

Embassy of Belgium
9th Floor, Multinational Bancorporation Center
6805 Ayala Avenue, Salcedo Village
1227 Makati City, Manila, PHILIPPINES
Tel.: + (63) (2) 845.18.69, + (63) (2) 845.18.73
Fax: + (63) (2) 845.20.76
E-Mail: manila@diplobel.org
URL: <http://www.diplomatie.be/manila>

- For general information on visas and appointments for interviews, applicants are advised to call the Belgian Embassy's pay-per-call numbers:

1 909 1014545 (PLDT)
1 903 1014545 (Bayantel)
1 900 1014545 (Globe)

- Further information about the procedures and requirements pertaining to Slovenian visa applications coursed through the Belgian Embassy are available on-line at:

<http://www.diplomatie.be/Manila/default.asp?id=28&ACT=5&content=30&mnu=28>

- General information concerning Slovenian visas, together with downloadable versions of the visa application form and guarantee forms, are available in English at the website of the Slovenia Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

http://www.mzz.gov.si/en/visa_information/pogosta_vprasanja/visa_general_information/

Inquiries may also be directed by telephone to the Slovenian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, at tel. no. +386 01 478 23 05.

- Holders of valid Schengen visas issued by other countries may already visit Slovenia, which has been a member of the Schengen arrangement since 21 December 2007.
- Please note that only Slovenian Embassies and consulates are authorized to issue a Slovene national visa (i.e., a "D" visa for aliens who intend to obtain a residence permit in Slovenia to reunite with family). The Philippines is covered by the Slovenian Embassy in Beijing::

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