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For the Filipino: Special Consular Mission to Sabah

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Filipino workers from different palm oil plantations wait for their queue during the recent Special Consular Mission in Lahad Datu, Sabah.

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) in coordination with the Philippine Embassy in Kuala Lumpur conducted its 14th Special Consular Mission to render a One-Stop Shop government services to undocumented Filipinos who are working in Sabah Palm Oil Plantations. Assistance on birth registrations, PhilSys Identification (PhilID), and processing of Philippine Passports were provided during its series of 10-day consular missions.

During the last two consular missions in Sandakan and Lahad Datu, Sabah, a total of 10,046 transactions were served consisting of Certificate of Live Birth (COLB) verification and registration, registration to acquire PhilID, Report of Birth, and Philippine Passport services. A total of 1,659 Filipinos were verified to have negative records of COLB in PSA. For the



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Philippine Identification System (PhilSys), a total of 2,807 Filipinos were registered to acquire their PhilIDs.

Activity	Sandakan Mission	Lahad Datu Mission
Certificate of Live Birth Registration	780	897
Registration to acquire PhilID	1,323	1,484

The PhilIDs were also received by Filipino workers in Sabah who have previously registered in PhilSys since its first consular mission in 2022.



A Filipino worker in one of the palm oil plantations in Lahad Datu, Sabah receives his PhilID.

PSA underscores the need to further digitalize, innovate, and expand its civil registration and PhilSys services especially to Filipinos living abroad who are in need.

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