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### **PUBLIC ADVISORY**

On the report of the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) regarding the falsified birth certificates of 200 Chinese Nationals who obtained Philippine Birth Certificates in Sta. Cruz, Davao del Sur, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) would like to express that the agency has done verification and provided necessary information related to the birth records under investigation to the NBI.

The PSA emphasizes that the registered birth records emanated from the Local Civil Registry Office of Sta. Cruz, Davao del Sur. As of this writing, we received a report that the concerned Civil Registrar was already relieved by the Local Chief Executive from his duties in line with the PSA's recommendation to look into the matter as a result of the fact-finding investigation conducted by the agency in a similar incident last year.

The PSA assures the public that appropriate measures will be continuously pursued, including the conduct of a thorough investigation, collaboration with law enforcement agencies, blocking of doubtful birth records in the PSA database, and case building for purposes of endorsing the same for possible filing of a petition for cancellation of birth records/certificate.

The PSA encourages the public to report illegal or unauthorized activities involving civil registration documents (CRDs) or fraudulent CRDs. For comments, suggestions, or inquiries, please contact the PSA Civil Registration Service or the Fraud Management Division through the following email addresses: [crs.qvu1@psa.gov.ph](mailto:crs.qvu1@psa.gov.ph), [crs.qvu2@psa.gov.ph](mailto:crs.qvu2@psa.gov.ph), [crs.qvu3@psa.gov.ph](mailto:crs.qvu3@psa.gov.ph), or [fmd.staff@psa.gov.ph](mailto:fmd.staff@psa.gov.ph) or telephone number 8461-0500 local 808 or 813 and mobile number +639988498279.

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