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PERMIT OF STAY FOR FILIPINO MINORS

The Philippine Consulate General in Milan has noted cases of Filipino minors who were prevented from taking their return flights to Italy by airlines at check-in counters at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport for their inability to present their own Permits to Stay (*Permesso di Soggiorno*) separate from those of their parents.

A separate Permit to Stay is now required for all foreign minors who are residents in Italy under Italian Law of 7 July 2016 N. 122 which took effect on 23 July 2016. With the full implementation of the law, Filipino parents who are holders of Permits to Stay are reminded of the following:

- A Filipino child born in Italy needs to have his/her own Permit to Stay separate from those of his parents. The parents should file an application for their child's Permit to Stay at the Immigration Office of the *Questura* (Police Headquarters). They should also have their own Permits to Stay updated.
- A Filipino child below 14 years old whose Permit to Stay is attached to those of his/her parents or legal guardian is required under the law to apply for a separate Permit to Stay upon application by the parents to have their own Permits to Stay updated.
- A Filipino child who reaches 14 years old should immediately apply for a separate Permit to Stay. The child's parents are required to have their Permits to Stay updated, along with the child's application for a separate Permit to Stay.
- A Filipino child who reaches 14 years old but is unable to secure a separate Permit to Stay because he/she is in the Philippines on vacation must come to the Italian Embassy in Manila with his/her parent(s) to apply for the appropriate visa to re-enter Italy.

All applications for Permit to Stay or visa to enter Italy require the payment of corresponding fees.

Members of the Filipino Communities in Milan and Northern Italy are advised to observe these new requirements to ensure their continued legal stay in Italy and prevent unnecessary inconveniences during their travel to and from this country.

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