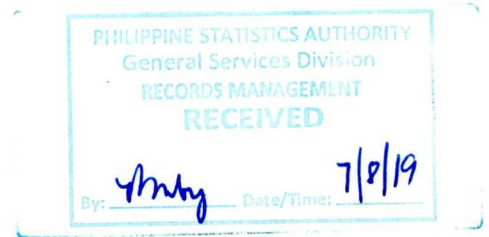




REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY

Reference No. CRS00-06-7503



MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR No. 2019- 18

TO : ALL PSA OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES
ALL CITY/MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRARS
ALL CIRCUIT/DISTRICT REGISTRARS OF THE SHARI'A
CIRCUIT/DISTRICT COURTS

SUBJECT : Discontinuance of Red Ribbon Authentication by the DFA

DATE : 02 July 2019

Pursuant to the letter dated June 17, 2019 issued by the Authentication Division of the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), all City/Municipal Civil Registrars, Circuit/District Registrars of the *Shari'a* Circuit/District Courts, and the general public are advised that the DFA will no longer issue Authentication Certificates from May 14, 2019 onwards. Instead, the DFA will affix an **APOSTILLE** (without the red ribbon) as proof of authentication to documents for use abroad, and all Philippine Embassies and Consulates have discontinued affixing the said red ribbon to their authentication/acknowledgment certificates effective June 15, 2019.

The DFA clarifies that there is no more need for authentication (legalization) by the concerned Foreign Embassies/Consulates if the country of destination of the authenticated document is already a member of the Apostille Convention.

Documents executed and Apostillized in Apostille countries (except for Austria, Finland, Germany and Greece) shall no longer be authenticated by the Philippine Embassy or Consulate. However they shall continue providing notarial services in both Apostille and non-Apostille countries such as, but not limited to, acknowledgment and jurat, for documents to be used in the Philippines.

For Apostilles issued in another country, recipients may contact the issuing office (Competent Authority) concerned. Contact information of each country's Competent Authority is available in the Apostille Section of the Hague Conference website (<http://www.hcch.net>) and for the updated list of Apostille countries, please visit the following link: <https://www.hcch.net/en/instruments/conventions/status-table/?cid=41>.

All PSA officials and employees, City/Municipal Civil Registrars, Circuit/District Registrars of the *Shari'a* Circuit/District Courts are to cascade this information to their constituents in their respective territorial area of jurisdiction.



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For your guidance and strict compliance.



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