

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
MANILA

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The Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and, with reference to Note No. 220/2014 dated 19 September 2014, the Department wishes to reiterate its Note Verbale No. 3260-2014 dated 13 August 2014 citing that;

- 1) The visa application of Sri Lankan nationals may be filed either personally or through mail at the Philippine Embassy in Dhaka for processing;
- 2) Sri Lankan nationals coming to the Philippines upon the invitation of the Philippine based entity may also avail of the visa-upon-arrival (VUA) program of the Bureau of Immigration.

The Department would like to emphasize that Sri Lankan nationals who want to avail of the VUA program have to directly coordinate with and apply two (2) weeks before arrival at the Philippine's Bureau of Immigration, the agency that oversees the VUA scheme.

Please be guided with the following procedures under the VUA scheme;

- 1) Requirements (copy of passport, flight details, endorsement letter from the appropriate government agency, if applicable) are initially sent to the Bureau of Immigration via courier by the Philippine based entity who will receive the incoming foreign national, at least two (2) weeks before the scheduled arrival.
- 2) Pay corresponding fees (could be viewed in the BI's website)
- 3) If approved, BI issues a confirmation letter to the Philippine based entity for onward transmittal to the applicant which will be presented to concerned airline authorities and immigration officials.

The Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka the assurances of its highest consideration.

Paranaque City, 07 October 2014

