

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Constitution Hills, Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 6020



Introduced by Hon. Salvador B. Belaro Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Of late, Filipinos in Japan have reached an all high number of 237, 103¹. Out of this number, 11, 814² live within the Chubu Region of Japan, wherein the *City of Nagoya is an undisputed commercial center, making it the ideal place for the establishment of another consulate by the Philippine government to serve the needs of our growing Filipino compatriots in Japan.*

The need for another consulate in Japan, which will be specifically established in the city and Nagoya is necessitated by the fact that the nearest Philippine consulate to Filipinos residing in the Chubu region is still in Osaka, 113.7 miles away from Nagoya.

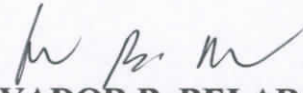
The location of the nearest Philippine consulate in Osaka results to untold inconvenience to Filipino residents in the Chubu region with their numerous tales of extreme hardship resulting from such distance in the processing of much needed consular services.

In the past, there were already initiatives to set up a consulate in the city of Nagoya including an appeal made by Filipino residents in the areas during the administration of President Benigno Aquino III.

¹ INQUIRER.net, 2016.

² James Anderson. *Filipinos in Japan*. Springer Link.

Thus, this bill envisions to establish the long-overdue creation of a consulate in the City of Nagoya for the benefit of our Filipino compatriots living in the area.



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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A PHILIPPINE CONSULATE IN THE CITY OF
NAGOYA, JAPAN, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the “Nagoya Philippine Consulate Act of 2017”.

SECTION 2. The prime duty of the Government is to serve and protect the people, and thus, it is imperative that the welfare of all Filipinos, including overseas Filipinos should be taken cared of.

SECTION 3. *A Consulate of the Department of Foreign Affairs shall be established in the City of Nagoya, Japan.*

SECTION 4. The Department of Foreign Affairs is tasked herein to formulate the Implementing Rules and Regulation of this Act.

SECTION 5. An initial fund of Twenty Million Pesos (P 20, 000, 000.00) necessary for the implementation of this act shall be appropriated for this purpose and shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act upon the effectivity of this Act.

SECTION 6. If any provision hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 7. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect within thirty (30) days upon its approval.

Approved.