

# Treaty setting PH, Indonesia EEZ boundary enters into force

**MANILA** -- An agreement delineating the boundary between the overlapping exclusive economic zones (EEZs) of the Philippines and Indonesia officially entered into force, following the exchange by the two countries' foreign ministers of the instruments of ratification in a special ceremony held on August 1 in Bangkok.

Foreign Affairs Secretary Teodoro L. Locsin, Jr. and Indonesian Foreign Minister Retno Marsudi signed the Protocols of Exchange of the instruments of ratification, concerning the delimitation of the EEZ between the two countries on the sidelines of the Southwest Pacific Dialogue being held in at the sidelines of the 52nd ASEAN Foreign Ministers Meeting.

The agreement, which was first discussed on June 23-25 1994, was formally signed by the two countries on 23 May 2014 in Manila. It was ratified by President Rodrigo R. Duterte on February 15, 2017 and by the Indonesian Parliament on April 27, 2017.

To complete domestic procedure, the Philippine Senate concurred with the President's ratification on June 3, 2019.

The agreement is expected to benefit both countries, economically and politically, by promoting more bilateral cooperation in the EEZ in order to advance the common interest of managing and preserving the resources in the EEZ and further strengthening maritime security cooperation between the

two countries.

The Philippines and Indonesia, the two largest archipelagic states in the world, are parties to the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), and thus are entitled to EEZ of 200 nautical miles. Under the Convention, states have sovereign rights to explore and exploit, and conserve and manage natural resources, among others, within their EEZ.

Wide overlaps in the EEZ of the Philippines and Indonesia, which run across the Mindanao Sea and Celebes Sea, and in the southern section of the Philippine Sea in the Pacific Ocean, required the two countries to negotiate and agree on a shared boundary. (DFA PR)

# DOT open to review visa on arrival for foreign tourists

**MANILA** -- The Department of Tourism (DOT) is open to reviewing the implementation of the visa on arrival policy for foreign visitors amid concerns that the influx of undocumented foreigners might pose security risks to the country.

"The Department of Tourism is open to review and reevaluate the issuance of Visa Upon Arrival (VUA) in the country to foreign visitors of certain nationalities with both the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) and the Bureau of Immigration (BI), the duly des-

ignated government agencies with respect to visa issuance," the DOT said in a statement on Friday, in reaction to the proposal of Foreign Affairs Secretary Teodoro Locsin Jr. to remove the privilege for foreigners.

The DOT also clarified that VUA is only granted to Chinese tourists that have passed the screening of tour operators accredited by both the department and the BI. They will be allowed entry after submission of all pertinent documents, subject to BI's review and approval.

"We agree that prime importance should be placed on security and safety of our guests and locals. The grant of visas is to ensure entry of desirable visitors," the statement reads.

Earlier this week, Locsin said he recommended the removal of the VUA privilege for foreign visitors following remarks made by National Security Adviser Hermogenes Esperon that the influx of undocumented foreigners, particularly Chinese tourists, might pose a security threat to the country.

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION  
BRANCH 17  
CAVITE CITY

RE: IN THE MATTER OF JUDICIAL  
CONFIRMATION OF DIVORCE DECREE  
RENDERED IN THE FAMILY REGISTRY OF  
HIDEKI KAMIYAMA, JAPANESE CITIZEN,

SP. PROC. NO. N-9091

MARIVIC D. CAMMAYO,  
Petitioner,  
X ----- X


NOTICE OF HEARING

A VERIFIED PETITION has been filed by **MARIVIC D. CAMMAYO**, through counsel, prays that after due publication, notice and hearing, judgment be rendered **VALIDATING or CONFIRMING** the divorce decree obtained by **Hideki Kamiyama**, Japanese Citizen, in accordance with Article 26 of the Family Code of the Philippines, and **ORDERING** the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), to cause marginal annotation of the said foreign decree in said marriage contract of the petitioner with her former Japanese husband, Hideki Kamiyama.

IT APPEARING that the petition is sufficient in form and substance, hearing of this petition is set on **SEPTEMBER 3, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.**, before this Court, on which date, hour and place, interested parties may appear and show cause why the same should not be granted.

LET THIS NOTICE be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the City and Province of Cavite. Likewise, let copies of the petition and of this Notice be furnished the Solicitor General, the City Civil Registrar of Quezon City, and the Philippine Statistics Authority.

WITNESS THE HON. **BETLEE-IAN J. BARRAQUIAS**, Acting Presiding Judge of this Court, this 12th day of July, 2019.

  
ATTY. SHERRY ANNE C. GABRIEL  
Branch Clerk of Court

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
BRANCH 15  
NAIC, CAVITE

IN RE: IN THE MATTER OF PETITION  
FOR CORRECTION OF ENTRY IN THE  
CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF MITZI  
NUHAY SARMIENTO-ENTAC WITH LOCAL  
CIVIL REGISTRY NO. 279-92 (Particularly  
The entry as to the DATE AND PLACE OF  
HER PARENT'S MARRIAGE FROM APRIL  
19, 1991, MENDEZ CAVITE to NOT MARRIED

SP. PROC. Case No. NC-2019-13

MITZI NUHAY SARMIENTO-ENTAC,  
Petitioner.

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF  
MUNICIPALITY OF MENDEZ, PROVINCE  
OF CAVITE

Respondent.  
X ----- X

ORDER

Before this Court is a Petition filed by Mitzi Nuhay Sarmiento-Entac respectfully praying that after publication, notice and hearing, an Order be issued directing the Local Civil Registrar of the Municipality of Mendez, Province of Cavite to cancel/correct the entry in Petitioner's Certificate of Live Birth with Registry No. 279-92, particularly as to Entry No. 12 as to the date and place of the marriage of Petitioner's parents from April 19, 1991 Mendez, Cavite to not married with further prayer that the Local Civil Registrar of Cavite Province ot annotate the legitimation of petitioner Mitzi Nuhay Sarmiento-Entac by virtue of the subsequent marriage of her parents.

Finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the hearing of this Petition is hereby set on **September 4, 2019 at 1:00 in the afternoon**.


Any interested person who wishes to comment and/or oppose the petition may come to this Court on the date, time and place herein above-indicated and show cause why the petition should not be granted.

Let copy of this Order be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Cavite.

Furnish copy of this Order together with copy of the petition to the Office of the Solicitor General and to the Local Civil Registrar of Mendez, Cavite.

SO ORDERED.

Naic, Cavite June 25, 2019.

  
LERIO C. CASTIGADOR  
Judge

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