



ADVISORY ON PROHIBITED ACTS DURING VOTING PERIOD

The Philippine Embassy in Singapore strongly reminds the public of the following prohibited acts during the overseas voting period:

Prohibition Against the Conduct of Partisan Political Activity

The public is informed that campaigning for a political candidate and/or party is strictly prohibited within the Embassy premises. **This includes, but is not limited to, wearing of statement clothing or accessories that may have the effect of campaigning for any political candidate and/or party.**

Batas Pambansa Blg. 881 or the "Omnibus Election Code of the Philippines" defines "election campaign" or "partisan political activity" as an act designed to promote the election or defeat of a particular candidate/s to a public office.

Section 72 of Article XXI- Regulation on Campaigning Abroad of the COMELEC Resolution 10751 states that, "*No partisan political activity shall be allowed within the premises of the embassy, consulate and other foreign service establishment.*"

During the thirty (30)-day overseas voting period, any election campaign-related or partisan political activity is prohibited within the premises of the Philippine Embassy, and within a radius of thirty (3) meters thereof.

Section 10 of COMELEC Resolution 10677 also states that "*Candidates, party-list groups and political parties shall be responsible for complying with the host countries' laws on political gatherings, public assemblies, mass movements, and other similar activities*". Thus, the **Embassy reiterates its reminder for kababayans to strictly abide by the laws, rules and regulations of Singapore prohibiting the conduct of any and all forms of political activities in the country.**



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Prohibition on Premature Announcement of Voting Results

Per Section 32 of Resolution No. 10750 and Section 34 of Resolution No. 10751 of COMELEC, any member of the Special Board of Election Inspectors (SBEI) shall **not make any announcement** on the state of the polls before the termination of voting, which will be on 9 May 2022.

The SBEI reserves the right not to disclose, before 9 May 2022, any information as to whether a certain registered voter has already voted or not, **as to how many have already voted or how many so far have failed to vote, or any other fact tending to show the state of the polls.**

The Philippine Embassy will only start canvassing the votes upon the end of voting on 9 May 2022.

In this connection, please be likewise informed that **no individual, group or entity** has been authorized to conduct **any form of exit poll or unofficial tally** for the overseas voting in Singapore.

Other Election Offenses Committed

COMELEC has warned that violations of election laws such as the unofficial publication of exit polls, propagation of false and alarming reports or information, circulation of false orders during the conduct of overseas voting, and other similar illegal activities, are taken seriously by the Commission. SBEIs in polling precincts may gather information on such offenses and report them to COMELEC for evaluation on whether cases can be filed against erring individuals or groups.

Thank you.

PHILIPPINE EMBASSY, SINGAPORE
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