

[BI OFFICE MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. MCL-08-003, February 06, 2008]

IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES FOR THE PERMANENT RESIDENT VISA OF KOREANS IN THE PHILIPPINES

Pursuant to Memorandum Order No. MCL-08-003 dated January 29, 2008 which was duly approved by the Secretary, Department of Justice and the letter dated January 21, 2008 from the Ambassador, Republic of Korea, the following guidelines are hereby prescribed to implement the permanent resident visa to Korean nationals which is being granted on the basis of reciprocity:

1. Coverage

A. Korean national who has *investment* in the Philippines shall be granted a quota or preference visa under Section 13 Commonwealth Act No. 613, as amended, subject to the numerical limitation of 50 nationals per calendar year, upon submission of the following:

1. General application form duly accomplished and notarized (BI Form No. MCL-07-01)
2. True copy of petitioner's passport showing the BI stamp of admission and validity of stay
3. Proof of investment in the Philippines of at least US\$40,000 or possession of special qualification or skill
4. Medical Certificate from the Bureau of Quarantine stating that the alien is not afflicted with any dangerous, contagious or loathsome disease
5. BI and NICA clearances, and
6. Payment of the application and express lane fees

The legal spouse and the natural and legitimate child/ren who is/are under 21 years of age and unmarried of the petitioner may be applied for as his/her dependents upon Submission among other things, of proofs of relationship duly authenticated by the Philip foreign Service Post located in the petitioner's country of origin.

B. Korean national who is *validly married to a lawful permanent resident alien in the Philippines*. including their legitimate and natural children, shall be granted permanent resident visa under Memorandum Order No. MCL-07-021 upon submission of the following:

1. A verified letter request from the petitioning Filipino spouse
2. General Application Form duly accomplished and notarized (BI Form No. MCL-07-01)
3. Plain photocopy of passport of alien spouse showing dates of arrival and authorized stay
4. NSO-issued Marriage Certificate or if they were married outside of the