

**BASIC : LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 02, 2008, FROM MAYOR
BENEDICTO H. ALCALA OF PANGLAO, BOHOL**

2nd Indorsement
September 10, 2008

Respectfully returned to Ms. Rustica N. Mascariñas, Provincial Director, DILG Bohol Provincial Office, the herein basic communication from Mayor Benedicto H. Alcala of Panglao, Bohol with the opinion requested therein.

Republic Act No. 9225 provides that a person who retains or re-acquires Philippine citizenship under said law enjoys full civil and political rights, and maybe subject to all attendant liabilities and responsibilities under other laws of the country. Such person may be appointed to any public office. If he is extended appointment to a public office, he shall subscribe and swear to an oath of allegiance to the Republic of the Philippines and its duly constituted authorities prior to his assumption of office. Likewise, he shall renounce his oath of allegiance to the country where he took that oath.

Moreover, said person who retains or re-acquires Philippine citizenship under RA 9225 may seek or run for an elected public office provided he meets the qualifications for holding such public office as required by the Constitution and other laws; and at the time of filing of the certificate of candidacy, he makes a personal and sworn renunciation of any and all foreign citizenship before any public officer authorized to administer oath.

PEDRO A. NOVAL, JR.
Regional Director

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