## THE CONSUL GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AT HONGKONG IS SUED

The Consul General of the Republic of the Philippines at the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC) has just been sued for \$HK479,313.

Mrs Corazon Belmonte-Jover is the lone Defendant in HKSAR District Court Writ Number 1866, in which the Plaintiff is Mr Roland R. Ilan, trading as Makro Designs Hongkong.

Service of the Writ was made at the Consulate General of the Philippines, located at United Centre, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, Admiralty, the HKSAR.

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Further, since Mrs Corazon Belmonte-Jover is a diplomat in good standing in the HKSAR, it is unlikely that she, personally, could be served with this Writ of Summons, unless, of course, her Government empowered her so to do.

If, indeed, the Statement of Claim, attached to Writ of Summons Number 1866 is substantiated, the defence could well be that her actions were predicated in the name of the country that she is empowered to represent in the HKSAR.

The Statement of Claim, attached to Writ of Summons Number 1866, alleges ... CLICK TO ORDER FULL ARTICLE

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