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## **Amnesty Acceptance Ends March 31**

The deadline for the application for amnesty under Presidential Proclamation No. 75 will close at the end of office hours on March 31, 2011 (Wednesday).

Presidential Decree No. 75 decreed that within a prescribed period of ninety (90) days from the publication of the decree and its implementing rules and regulation; civilians, members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines & Philippine National Police who participated in the Oakwood Mutiny of 2003, the Marines Stand-Off of 2006 and the Peninsula Manila Hotel incident of 2007 are entitled to an amnesty.

An Ad Hoc Amnesty Committee from the Department of National Defense started accepting amnesty applications on January 4, 2011. As of March 29, 2011, 81 officers, 188 enlisted personnel, 1 member of the Philippine National Police, 6 civilians or a total of 276 individuals have applied for amnesty.

The Committee also considered requests to accept applications from those who are already working or based abroad. The Ad Hoc Amnesty Committee, chaired by Undersecretary for Defense Affairs Honorio S. Azcueta, carefully evaluated the requests and recommended the disposition of each applicant for approval of the SND.

Applicants who are based overseas may submit personally their completed amnesty application form and testimony to the nearest Consular Office in the country where they are based.

Applicants should personally present themselves to the consul in lieu of a personal appearance at Camp Emilio Aguinaldo in Quezon City. Overseas applications should be submitted not later than the end of business hours of the consular office.

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