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A Reminder from Your Consulate

Beware of Online Loan Scams Using Fake Social Media Pages

The Consulate has observed a concerning increase in cases involving Overseas Filipinos who have fallen victim to online loan scams.

In many instances, fraudulent actors create fake social media pages that impersonate legitimate lending companies registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). These pages unlawfully use official names, logos, and branding to appear credible, and conduct transactions through social media, messaging applications, and other online platforms. Upon "approval" of the loan, these entities typically require upfront payment of transaction fees or similar charges before the release of funds, which, in most cases, never materializes.



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The public is strongly advised to exercise caution and to **avoid sending money, submitting documents, or sharing personal and financial information online without proper verification.**

Before engaging with any lending entity, please:

- Verify its registration with SEC and ensure it has a valid Certificate of Authority to operate;
- Check if the entity is included in the List of Recorded Online Lending Platforms
- Confirm that it does not have a revoked or suspended license

Scan the QR to visit the relevant pages on the SEC website:



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If you encounter suspicious activities, please report them through:

- SEC iMessage Portal at imessage.sec.gov.ph or by calling 1-4732 (1-4SEC).
- DICT Cybercrime Investigation and Coordinating Center: <https://cicc.gov.ph/report/>
- PNP Anti-Cybercrime Group Complaint Action Center: <https://acg.pnp.gov.ph/contact-us/>

The Consulate encourages all Filipinos to remain vigilant and to verify information through official channels to avoid falling victim to online scams.



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