[BI MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. MCL-08-013, March 10, 2008]

PROVIDING AMENDMENT TO THE IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES GRANTING PERMANENT RESIDENCE VISA TO CHINESE AND KOREANS (OFFICE MEMORANDUM ORDER NOS. MCL-07-005 & MCL-08-003)

In Memorandum Order No. MCL-07-021 dated December 14, 2007 providing for permanent resident visa to Chinese in the Philippines, provides, thus:

'Likewise, a Chinese national who is married to a Filipino citizen or to a permanent resident alien or who is the son or daughter of a permanent resident alien parent shall be granted permanent resident visa upon proper application, qualification and payment of immigration fees.' (underlining supplied for emphasis)

Likewise, in Memorandum Order No. MCL-08-003 dated January 29, 2008 providing for permanent resident visa to Koreans in the Philippines, provides, thus:

'In the interest of reciprocity, therefore, a Korean national who is married to a Filipino citizen or to a permanent resident alien or who is the son or daughter of a permanent resident alien parent shall be granted permanent resident visa upon proper application, qualification and payment of immigration fees.' (underlining supplied for emphasis)

In their Implementing Guidelines, however, children of permanent residents were inadvertently not included as those who are qualified to apply for permanent resident visa.

In view thereof, to conform with Memorandum Orders granting permanent resident visa to Chinese and Koreans, letter C of their Implementing Guidelines (Office Memorandum Order Nos. MCL-07-005 & MCL-08-003 dated December 21, 2007 and January 9, 2008, respectively) should be, as it is hereby amended and read, as follows:

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"C. Chinese national who is validly married to a lawful permanent resident alien in the Philippines or who is the legitimate and natural child of a lawful permanent resident alien shall be granted permanent resident visa under Memorandum Order No. MCL-07-021 upon submission of the following:

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