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Embassy of the Kingdom of The Netherlands

26th Floor, BDO Equitable Tower, 8751

Paseo de Roxas, Makati, Metro Manila

Subject: Cover Letter for Schengen Single Entry Visit Visa

Dear Ma'am/ Sir,

I, **Michelle T. Pregoner**, bearer of **Philippine Passport No. P5683428B** and a resident of 3196 Sawata Area 2, Block 3, Dagat-Dagatan, Brgy. 35 Maypajo, Caloocan City, Metro Manila, Philippines 1410, wish to apply for a 60-day Single Entry Schengen Visit Visa at your embassy upon my intention to travel to the Netherlands from January 31, 2023, to March 31, 2023.

It is the sole country in the Schengen region I would visit from entry to exit. The main purpose of my trip is to be able to visit my cousins and nephew who are residing there.

This trip will be sponsored by my cousin, Ms. Buena Fabros Pitstra, a Dutch citizen, and a resident of 419 Muldersdreef (7328 EJ) Apeldoorn, Netherlands, and holder of Dutch passport no. NR25J7799, for the inclusive dates mentioned above. Buena will be shouldering all expenses with my upcoming trip to the Netherlands in terms of roundtrip airfare, medical insurance, food, and lodging, as well as all possible expenses that I may incur before the travel date and during the inclusive dates of my stay. Buena works as a **Manager at Actief Werkt! Uitzendbureau**, an employment agency located in Postbus 1150 4801 Bd Breda Netherlands. She has a stable job at this company where she has been working for about 10 years and counting. As for my accommodation, I will be staying at her 3-room apartment that she has been renting since 2014. She is living there together with her husband and their baby. I am delighted to enclose all of her supporting documents in relation to this application, and her contact details are as follows:

- Contact Number : 0628797330
- E-mail address : buenafabros@gmail.com
- Resident ID Number : 221100908

As of writing, I am self-employed and managing a home-based variety store business under the name **MICHELLE'S SARI-SARI STORE** at the same address as my residence. Date, I have been running this business for almost 3 years already, since February 10, 2020. My business is a Micro-enterprise and Government registration for tax purposes is not required due to its informal business nature and modest monthly income but I have registered with the local government to operate my business within the community. For your reference, I have enclosed copies of my DTI business registration and Barangay Permit as proof of my claim.

As for me and Buena, we are related because our mothers are siblings. Our family has a good relationship with each other. When Buena was a young child, my mother watched over her while Buena's mother was at work. Her mother wed a native Dutchman. After getting married, they began to process the documents for Buena to be able for her to immigrate to the Netherlands legally. She was only able to visit the Philippines twice (December 2011 and July 5, 2016, to August 12, 2016) after moving there. Buena has a good sense of maintaining good relationships with people, and that is why as cousins, we have always kept in touch. When my father died in 2019 and my mother in 2021, she extended her sorrowful condolences and assured me of any assistance I may need at that difficult time.

Once a successful visa has been obtained, I will depart the Philippines and will arrive in the Netherlands on January 31, 2023. I will be heading first to the police station to have my passport stamped. Most of my time will be spent with Buena

and visiting my relatives there, such as my aunt, cousins, and nephew. They will also accompany me on good days to go sightseeing. As for this trip, Buena has told me about amazing places that I am looking forward to seeing, such as The Hague, Hoensbroek Castle, the Windmills in Kinderdijk, and Maria Church, among others. Towards the end of my trip, we will celebrate one of my cousin's birthdays, and head off to town to buy some souvenirs to bring back to the Philippines. Finally, on March 31, 2023, I will board a plane to return to the Philippines.

As a Filipino, I have prioritized traveling around the Philippines as a duty to my country. In preparation for this trip, I have done my part in researching Dutch law and culture and committed myself to avoiding any conflict with the locals. Furthermore, I pledge to return to my home country even before the expiration of my visa and will voluntarily present myself to the embassy after the trip if required.

As for my proof of deep-rootedness, please know that as a mother of three children, I cannot bear to be away for an extended period of time. My two eldest children (Richelle-19 years old, and Rica Mhae-14 years old) are about to graduate next year from their respective schools. I place great importance on education. In a country like the Philippines, this is the only thing that my husband and I can give our children – a good education that will pave the path for a bright future. My husband, Mr. Rico Pellas Pregoner, will take care of them while I am off visiting my family in the Netherlands. You may refer to my children's Birth Certificates and IDs for your reference.

Also, my husband and I are both self-sufficient. Because of my business, I am somehow able to help my husband with our daily expenditures while performing my motherly duties at the same time. Apart from this, I can pay for 2 internet subscription services from PLDT for my residential address in Caloocan City as well as my grandmother's internet service in Lucena City. I am also able to pay for my pension under SSS which guarantees that my retirement has been secured. You may refer to the attached billing and SSS contribution payment receipts for your reference.

Both of my parents have passed away, and now, I am in charge of continuing the renovation of our 3-storey house at 3196 Sawata Area 2, Block 3, Dagat-Dagatan, Brgy.35 Maypajo, Caloocan City, Metro Manila, Philippines 1410. My mother used to be an overseas worker in Israel and has invested around a million pesos in renovations alone. I have continued the renovation after getting financial assistance from OWWA.

As a result of my mother's untimely demise in 2021, I have to process my mother's Death Claim benefits in SSS (Social Security System). Right now, I am still procuring the necessary documents needed and will continue upon my return. Afterward, the SSS office will proceed with the next steps which will take 2 months.

Furthermore, I am now receiving remittances from my mother's friend (Ms. Ester Oca through Ms. Ruby Rapsing) in Israel. Ms. Ester and my late mother used to be flatmates and she is the one handling my mother's funds. Ms. Ester ran an informal money-lending business and shared profits with my mother for using her funds as capital. Now that my mother is dead, funds are being returned through me which are being sent through my BDO account and sometimes, in MLhuillier money remittance. You may refer to the attached proof for your perusal.

Finally, my cousin, Buena, has been so kind in extending her kindness and trust by providing this sponsorship to the best of her capabilities. I know the legal risk that Buena has put herself at by declaring her primary details to the authorities as my primary sponsor. I do not want to inconvenience her because she is a well-respected employee in her company with a 10-year of work experience and a clean track record. I cannot imagine the stress and grief that I will give her should I do anything untoward during the trip. With respect to her, I will not jeopardize her good name nor engage in fraudulent acts during my visit.

In summary, all I wish for is to visit my family (aunt, cousins, and nephew) in the Netherlands and catch up with each other while traveling to different cities whenever possible. After this trip, I have the absolute intention to return to the Philippines and continue my life and commitments as usual. Overall, these are the reasons why I need to return to the Philippines. I have a lot at stake should I risk becoming an illegal immigrant overseas.

I am delighted to furnish copies of the documents required relative to this application as follows:

- ❖ Visa Application form, duly signed with attached 2 passport-size Photos
- ❖ Original Passports with a scanned copy of the Bio Page (Current and Old)
- ❖ Travel Insurance with **ALLIANZ Global Assistance** covering Covid-19
- ❖ Confirmed Flight Reservation
- ❖ Day-to-Day Itinerary
- ❖ My Birth Certificate from PSA
- ❖ Barangay Resident Certificate
- ❖ **Proof of my Financial Capability:**
 - ❖ BDO Bank Account Certificate
 - ❖ BDO Banking Statement (recent 6 months)
- ❖ **Proof of my Business:**
 - ❖ DTI Business Registration
 - ❖ Barangay Business Permit (2020, 2021, and 2022)
 - ❖ CEDULA (Community Tax)
- **Proof of Family Ties:**
 - ❖ My Kids Birth Certificates from PSA
 - ❖ My Kids' Certificate of Enrolments
 - ❖ Copy of my Kids' IDs
 - ❖ Marriage Contract from PSA
- **Other Supporting documents:**
 - ❖ Scanned copy of the Vaccination Certificate
 - ❖ Updated Police clearance
 - ❖ SSS Contribution and Payment Receipt via Gcash
 - ❖ PLDT Proof of Billing and Payment via Gcash
 - ❖ Copy of Death Certificate of my father
 - ❖ Copy of Death Certificate of my mother
 - ❖ SSS Claiming stub for Death Claim
 - ❖ Remittances from Israel
 - ❖ Notary of Remittances
- **Proof of Sponsorship from my Cousin Buena Frabros Pitstra:**
 - ❖ Signed Invitation/ Sponsorship letter
 - ❖ Scanned Copy of Bewijs Van Garantstelling
 - ❖ Scanned Copy Affidavit of Support and Guarantee
 - ❖ Scanned copy of passport Bio page
 - ❖ Scanned Copy of Passport Travel Stamps to the Philippines
 - ❖ Scanned Copy of the Company ID
 - ❖ Scanned Copy of her Work Contract
 - ❖ Scanned Copy of her Salary Change Contract as Manager
 - ❖ Copy of her Payslips from July to October
 - ❖ 6 Months' recent Bank statement
 - ❖ Scanned Copy of her Marriage Contract
 - ❖ Proof of Accommodation - Lease Contract
 - ❖ **Proof of Relationship**
 - Photos together last 2011 and 2016
 - Photos with family together
 - Birth Certificate from PSA
 - Screenshots of chat conversations and video calls
 - Scanned copy of her travel stamps to the Philippines

I am fully aware that a visa is given to those who qualify for the requirements set forth by the host country and would show proof that they are not a threat in all aspects. I ensure and ascertain your good office to return to the Philippines before the expiry of the visa while adhering to the healthy, safety, and security regulations. This is also the reason why I got inoculated with a government-approved vaccine against Covid-19. Moderna for two required shots.

I also understand that I will be subject to the laws of the host country, and I am delighted to inform your good office that I have educated myself about these laws to comply with them completely. Lastly, I fully understand the consequences of breaking the rule aside from the trust and generosity that your good office may bestow with regard to my application.

It is my sincerest wish to be able to travel to the Netherlands and visit my family with your generous help. It is with the greatest hope and trust that you will find all pertinent documentary requirements to your satisfaction, and sufficient enough to gain approval of my visa application. I remain at your disposal for any further information or documents you might need and require.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and looking for a favorable reply to my application.

Best regards,

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