



CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
菲律宾共和国驻厦门总领事馆
XIAMEN



BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 13-2026

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING, BY REFERENDUM, THE USE OF NEGOTIATED PROCUREMENT UNDER SECTION 53.14 (DIRECT RETAIL PURCHASE), FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF ONE (1) LOT OF INSTITUTIONAL SUBSCRIPTION OF “THE DIPLOMAT” MAGAZINE FOR THE USE OF XIAMEN PCG

WHEREAS, the Philippine Consulate General in Xiamen (Xiamen PCG) intends to procure one (1) lot of institutional subscription of “The Diplomat” magazine for use of Xiamen PCG through **GPPB Resolution No. 28-2017, “Approving the Guidelines for the Procurement of Goods and Services, Infrastructure Projects and Consulting Services to be Procured and performed Overseas;**

WHEREAS, the annual institutional subscription of “The Diplomat” magazine will allow the unlimited number of Xiamen PCG personnel to access, at any one time, the articles and editorial pieces of the said magazine;

WHEREAS, Xiamen PCG will use the online subscription of “The Diplomat” as one of key sources for its analysis and insights on China and its relations with other countries, as well as for facilitating the drafting of political and/or economic reports;

WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) No. 9184, otherwise known as the “Government Procurement Reform Act of 2003,” and its most updated Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR)¹ prescribe the procedure to be followed by the procuring entities in their procurement activities to promote transparency, accountability, equity, efficiency, and economy;

WHEREAS, as indicated in Article IV Sec. 10 of RA9184, it is the policy of the government that procurement of infrastructure projects, goods, and consulting services shall be done through Competitive Bidding, except as provided for in Article XVI of RA9184;

WHEREAS, Section 53.14 (iii) of the revised IRR of RA9184², states that Direct Retail Purchase may be resorted to for procurement of online subscriptions from identified direct suppliers or service providers;

WHEREAS, the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) of Xiamen PCG determined that procurement of one (1) lot of annual institutional subscription of “The Diplomat” magazine may be done through Direct Retail Purchase under Section 53.14 (iii) of the revised IRR of RA9184;

WHEREAS, “The Diplomat” magazine is identified as the Most Advantageous and Responsive Bid (MARB) for Xiamen PCG’s requirement;

¹ <https://www.gppb.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Updated-2016-Revised-IRR-of-RA-No.-9184-as-of-19-July-2024.pdf>

² Ibid., specifically page 84.

WHEREAS, the payment for the one (1) lot of annual institutional subscription of "The Diplomat" magazine shall be made through bank transfer in the amount of **US\$1,200.00**, exclusive of bank charges, with additional fees consisting of **RMB200.00** bank service and an estimated intermediary bank fee ranging from **US\$10.00** to **US\$15.00**, subject to the actual charge of the intermediary bank;

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing, WE, the members of the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) of Xiamen PCG, hereby resolve and recommend to the Consul General and Head of Procuring Entity (HOPE) to resort to Negotiated Procurement under Section 53.14 (Direct Retail Purchase) for the purchase of one (1) lot of annual institutional subscription of "The Diplomat" magazine in the amount of **US\$1,200.00** to **The Diplomat**, subject to accounting and auditing rules and regulations;

RESOLVED at the Philippine Consulate General in Xiamen, People's Republic of China this 17 March 2026.

The Bids and Awards Committee:



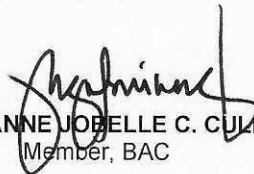
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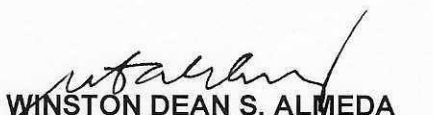


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