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NAMFREL ADVISES VOTERS TO LOOK FOR NAMES ON CERTIFIED VOTERS LIST AND TO LOCATE THEIR PRECINCTS

With just a little over 30 days left before elections on May 10, NAMFREL Chairman Jose L. Cuisia advises all voters to check their names in the COMELEC's Certified Voters Lists (CVL) to get beforehand the exact location of their voting precincts. They can do this by checking out the CVL at the municipal or city COMELEC offices or for those who have access to the internet, log on to <http://www.comelec.gov.ph/precintfinder/precintfinder.aspx>.

According to Cuisia, "Under the COMELEC's calendar, CVLs should have been posted in prominent places in every city and municipality across the country starting February 9 so that voters could check in which precinct they are registered and where they will vote on May 10."

The NAMFREL Chairman added, "Where in the past only 200 to 250 voters were assigned per precinct, the clustering of the precincts under the automated election system in the May 2010 election will increase the number of voters to 1,000 per precinct."

NAMFREL warned that with the clustering of precincts, there will be possible confusion, congestion, and long queues in voting centers if people are not advised early enough of the change in their precinct assignments. The Voters' Information Sheet (VIS) or information on voting precinct assignment which every voter is supposed to receive from the COMELEC before election day almost always never comes.

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