



Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Manila

MEDIA ADVISORY

**FOR THE COVERAGE OF THE PRESIDENT'S
STATE-OF-THE-NATION ADDRESS (SONA)
ON JULY 25, 2005.**

MEDIA ACCREDITATION

1. Is media accreditation for the SONA 2005 mandatory?

Yes, media accreditation for the coverage of the President's State-Of-the-Nation-Address (SONA) is mandatory. Only those wearing the SONA 2005 Press IDs will be allowed inside the premises of the Batasan Complex. The **NO ID NO ENTRY** policy shall be strictly enforced.

2. Where, when and how can media apply for accreditation?

The Committee on Media of the House Task Force created to assist in the preparation for the Joint Session of Congress for the President's SONA is responsible for media accreditation and Press ID issuance.

Malacañang, Senate and House Press Corps

- a. The members of the respective Press Corps of Malacañang, Senate and House of Representatives (HOR) are **not** required to apply for accreditation for the event. They shall automatically be accredited.
- b. The Office of the Press Secretary–International Press Center (OPS-IPC), Senate–Public Relations and Information Bureau (PRIB) and the HOR–Public Relations and Information Department (PRID) shall prepare and submit **before 20 July 2005** to the Chairperson, Committee on Media of the Task Force, the list of their respective accredited media persons, including their officers and staff and indicating their designated color-codes/area assignments and plate nos. of OB vans and vehicles to be used for the event, for inclusion in the masterlist of accredited media persons to be issued the official Press IDs.

Non-members of Malacañang / Senate / House Press Corps

- a. All media persons, including FOAP members, representatives of other media agencies, and crewmembers of Malacañang/Senate/House TV/radio reporters, who are **not** in the lists of accredited media persons submitted by Malacañang, Senate and HOR, are required to apply for accreditation.
- b. Beginning **11 July 2005**, applicants for accreditation shall personally apply with the Committee on Media, NCR-F (PRID office) 2/F, North Wing, House of Representatives, Constitution Hills, Quezon City (Contact / see Director Myrna Belmonte – Tel. No. 9315370 or 9315001 local 7489, Fax No. 9315799 / 9315335).
- c. The applicant must present the proper credentials and letter of assignment from his/her media organization editor / network manager.

The Press IDs shall be claimed from the Committee on Media on **21-24 July 2005**. The members of the Press Corps of Malacañang, Senate and House shall secure their Press IDs and vehicle passes from the OPS-IPC, Senate-PRIB and HOR-PRID, respectively.

Additional media representatives from television networks (other than the Malacañang, Senate and House media members) may coordinate with Radio-TV Malacañang (RTVM) for the Philippine Broadcast Pool and RTVM technical arrangements.

3. When is the deadline for filing applications for accreditation?

The deadline for filing application for accreditation is **July 20, 2005**. There will be **NO last-minute** accreditation and issuance of Press IDs on the day of the SONA.

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