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**TITLE OF RESEARCH: INTERPERSONAL AND FAMILY RELATIONS IN
TRANSCULTURAL/TRANSNATIONAL MARRIAGES**

INFORMATION STATEMENT

Dear -----

We are researchers from the Department of Anthropology, Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, The Australian National University. We are currently conducting research on the personal, family and community relationships that are constituted through intercultural courtship and marriage in Australia. Our project includes a focus on the recent development of internet courtship and marriage. We would like to invite you to participate in this research project. Participation is voluntary and you are free to withdraw at any time.

With your consent, I will be audio taping your interview. This will take approximately one to two hours and will be conducted at a mutually agreed upon place. Some of the themes we will be discussing are what is it like being in a cross-cultural family? What is the story of how you got to know your partner? Are you actively involved in the Filipino/Indonesian community? How do you feel about how families from a similar background are portrayed in newspaper stories, reports and films? What is your response to these sorts of stories?

If at any time you wish to stop the interview or not answer a question, you are free to do so. You may erase the tape at any time. I will give you a new name and remove other identifying features when your interview is transcribed and in any publications. I will return the transcription to you for any changes or comments. Information obtained from the interview will contribute to research and conference papers, journal articles and books about marriage migration and intercultural families in contemporary Australia. However, in the reporting of this project and in any publications, you will be in no way identifiable. The audio tape of your interview will be erased immediately after it has been transcribed. Confidential information, notes and interview data will be securely stored in a locked filing cabinet in Dr Saroca's

office and on password protected computers, which only the researchers have access to, as far as the law allows, and destroyed by shredding after five years.

Dr Kathryn Robinson is the chief investigator on the project. She draws on 25+ years of research on Indonesia, including studies of marriage and family relations, and migration for her study of Indonesian migrants in transnational marriages. Dr Nicki Saroca is herself married to a Filipino and has children in this relationship. She has lived in the Philippines and in Australia, has conducted research on transcultural marriage and has active contacts with Filipino communities in Australia.

For further information about the study please contact Dr Cleonicki Saroca.

Yours sincerely,

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COMPLAINTS

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