



TSJ de Murcia informa

Murcia (Spain) registers all births of Ecuadorian citizens at the Consulate of Ecuador thanks to the e-APP

An average of 100 consular registrations are carried out on a monthly basis

Murcia 31/03/10. 600 births have been registered at the consular office of Ecuador in the Autonomous Region of Murcia thanks to the issuance of electronic Apostilles, since the agreement between the High Court of Justice of the Region of Murcia (TSJRM) and the Consulate of Ecuador of the above-mentioned Autonomous Region was concluded last October.

"The TSJRM considers the e-Apostille a highly important milestone, both in advancing electronic communications with the citizen and in the promotion of the safety of the international circulation of public documents," indicated Javier Luís Parra, secretary of the Government of the TSJRM, where this pioneering project concerning electronic certification of official documents in Europe was developed. In fact, in the last six months, this institution has issued more than 1,000 e-Apostilles.

The e-Apostille is a digital document that is communicated in electronic form, which allows a country to improve the issuance of reports of an administrative or notarial character, certifications of authority, or of civil servants, in order to produce full effects in a foreign State. Murcia has implemented the e-Apostille component of the e-APP (electronic Apostille Pilot Program) under which the Hague Conference encourages Competent Authorities to issue e-Apostilles and also to operate e-Registers.

Patricio Garcés Ramirez, Consul of Ecuador in the Region of Murcia, declared with regard to the advantages of the digitalisation of the e-APP process that much of the travelling that citizens had to do to deliver and collect documents is now unnecessary. "We have gained safety; because we receive it electronically we have the assurance that the document has been issued by the court."

Murcia is, outside Ecuador, the Region with the highest percentage of Ecuadorian citizens in the world. This is clearly reflected in the volume of work carried out by the TSJRM: of 769 Apostilles issued by this organ during the first quarter of 2010, 530 were for Ecuadorian citizens (69%) and, of these, 290 were communicated in electronic form.