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ANNOUNCEMENTS RELATED TO THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK SITUATION:

UPDATED GUIDELINES ON TRAVELING TO AND FROM PHILIPPINES

Please be advised of further amendments to the travel guidelines outlined in our Advisory No. 22-2020 issued earlier. Effective immediately and until further notice, the following temporary measures are imposed on travelers to the Philippines:

- Foreign nationals, whether with visa-waiver privileges or visa-required will not be allowed to travel to the Philippines until further notice.
- All previously issued Philippine visas are deemed cancelled. The issuance of Philippine visas has also been temporarily suspended. Please note that this does not affect visas of foreigners currently in the Philippines.
- Foreign Government and International Organization officials, foreign spouses and children of Filipino nationals are exempted from the above temporary restrictions.

The following provisions under the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) in Luzon effective 17 March 2020 to 13 April 2020 still apply to travelers, as follows:

- Filipinos and their spouse or children, as well as members of the diplomatic corps, may still enter the country, subject to applicable quarantine procedures.
- Foreign travelers currently in the Philippines are allowed to leave at any time. As for Filipino travelers, existing outbound travel restrictions still apply.
- Domestic travel to and from Luzon by land, sea and air is restricted. International and domestic travel from Philippine ports outside of Luzon may be subject to further travel restrictions imposed by the local government. If your flight itinerary involves a domestic connection, please check with your airlines on the status of your flight prior to your trip.
- All outbound travelers in Luzon are required to be at the airport or sea port within twentyfour (24) hours of leaving their residence or hotel and shall be required to present a copy of their outbound flight itinerary as proof of compliance. Only one (1) person can accompany the traveler from the residence or hotel to the international port.

We strongly encourage travelers to also <u>evaluate carefully your travel plans</u>, whether it is urgent and necessary, before pursuing it for your own safety and health.

Thank you.

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