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China designates COVID-19 testing facilities for Filipino seafarers

The Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the Philippines has issued a list of designated COVID-19 testing facilities for all Filipino seafarers entering China, as part of its stricter protocols against the COVID-19 pandemic.

Starting September 24, 2020, all Filipino seafarers entering China from Philippine ports are required to take nucleic acid tests for COVID-19 to be conducted by designated testing facilities within three days prior to their boarding.

The list of the embassy-designated testing facilities can be downloaded at the official website of Embassy of China in the Philippines through the link <http://ph.china-embassy.org/chn/lsw/P020201023392666292125.pdf>

The said COVID-19 test is free of cost for the seafarers and must be shouldered by their respective agencies and employers.

All concerned licensed manning agencies must also furnish the embassy of the results of the COVID-19 tests of their respective seafarers prior to their embarkation.

After taking the nucleic acid COVID-19 tests, Filipino seafarers must undergo a strict quarantine measures to further ensure the health and safety of concerned seafarers, as well as to lessen the number of positive cases among Filipino seafarers arriving in the ports of China.

Also, the detailed procedures for China-bound foreign passengers, to obtain their certified health declaration form can be accessed through <http://ph.china-embassy.org/eng/sgdt/t1821811.htm>. ###

