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New entry measures for outgoing PH passengers to Korea

The Embassy of the Republic of Korea in the Philippines has announced its new entry measures for all passengers coming from the Philippines starting July 20, 2020 as the country's preventive and control response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Based on the POEA Advisory No. 102, Series of 2020, all foreigners, including transfer passengers departing from the Philippines must submit a COVID-19 Negative Certificate upon entering Korea.

The said certificate must be issued within 48 hours of the departure date from the Philippines and must be issued by the PCR testing laboratories designated by the Korean Embassy.

Passengers must present the certificate at the time of ticketing and boarding, as well as submit the document to the Korea's quarantine authorities.

The COVID-19 Negative Certificate also does not exempt the passenger from further testing and mandatory quarantine upon their arrival.

Moreover, the embassy announced the temporary suspension on accepting new visa applications until further notice, as well as stop the processing of visa applications received prior to July 16, 2020.

All visa issuance, including visas for workers and students are suspended except for diplomatic and official purposes; essential business purposes; spouse and children of Korean nationals; and for humanitarian reasons that requires the Korea Embassy's endorsement.

Regular flights departing from Philippines should also not exceed to 60% of its capacity, and irregular flights will be suspended. ###