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Malaysia imposes temporary ban on entry of Filipinos

The Malaysian government has imposed a temporary travel restriction on the entry of foreign travelers, including Filipino citizens, starting September 7, 2020, as part of its continuing efforts to control the spread of COVID-19.

In an advisory, the Philippine Overseas Employment Administrations said Filipinos, including those who are married to Malaysians, holders of Permanent Resident Visa or Malaysia My Second Home (MM2H) Pass and those who are considered expatriates in all categories, including professionals and their dependents, as well as holders of Temporary Employment Pass and Student Visa are not allowed to enter Malaysia for the meantime.

Meanwhile, Filipinos who require travel to Malaysia due to emergencies may request for exemption from the Director General of Immigration Department of Malaysia, which can be considered on a case-by-case basis on compassionate grounds.

Filipinos who wish to submit a request for exemption are advised to consult the nearest Malaysian Embassy or Consulate General.

The temporary travel restriction is intended to contain the spread of COVID-19 due to the recent increase in the number of COVID-19 cases detected at international entry points to Malaysia among travelers coming from countries with more than 150,000 cases, such as the Philippines. ###