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ADVISORY 5 ON THE 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (2019 n-CoV)

The Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles informs all Filipinos and Filipino-Americans within its consular jurisdiction that, upon instructions of the President, the Philippines has expanded its temporary 2019 n-CoV travel ban to include travelers from Taiwan.

This announcement was made by Undersecretary Rolando Enrique “Eric” D. Domingo, M.D. of the Philippine Department of Health (DOH) in a press conference held on 10 February 2020, Philippine Time (for the DOH news release please click: https://www.doh.gov.ph/sites/default/files/news_clips/021120-0005.pdf).

Under the temporary travel ban, foreign travelers coming from Mainland China, including its Special Administrative Regions of Hong Kong and Macau, as well as Taiwan are not allowed entry into the Philippines. The ban does not include Filipino nationals and holders of a permanent resident visa issued by the Philippine government, who can enter the country subject to a mandatory 14-day quarantine.

It should be noted that this temporary travel ban also restricts all Filipino nationals and holders of a Philippine permanent resident visa from traveling to Mainland China, Hong Kong and Macau, including Taiwan.

According to DOH, Taiwan has always been included in the temporary ban since the People’s Republic of China considers Taiwan as an integral part of its territory under the *One-China Policy*, which is recognized by both the Philippines and the World Health Organisation.

The Consulate General again reminds travelers to continue monitoring the following links for updates on the 2019 Novel Coronavirus, particularly on travel advisories, to wit:

Philippine Department of Health: www.doh.gov.ph

Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs: www.dfa.gov.ph

U.S. Department of State: www.state.gov

U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): www.cdc.gov

L.A. County Department of Public Health: www.publichealth.lacounty.gov

The public may call 2-1-1, the central source for providing information and referrals for all health and human services, for emergency health assistance anywhere **within the United States of America**. Said phone line is open 24 hours, seven days a week, with trained Community Resource Advisors prepared to offer help with any situation, any time.
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