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## **PhilConGen LA Sends Off 252 Filipino Crew of Carnival Cruise Line**

12 April 2020, Los Angeles – Staying on top of assisting overseas Filipino amid the COVID-9 pandemic, the Philippine Consulate General-LA, led by Consul General Adelio Angelito S. Cruz, assisted and sent off 252 Filipino cruise ship crewmembers employed by Carnival Cruise Line in the afternoon of 11 April 2020 at the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX).

This brings the total of Filipino seafarers repatriated through Los Angeles to 1,003.

These Filipino seafarers disembarked from the company's two cruise ships docked at the Port of Los Angeles, namely, the *M/S Carnival Miracle* and *M/S Carnival Inspiration* after completing their 14-day mandatory quarantine onboard without exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms.

During the sendoff, Consul General Cruz spoke to the large batch of crewmembers at LAX Terminal 6 to inform them of what to expect when they get to the Philippines and the efforts of the Philippine government to get OFWs like them safely back home. The Consulate General also distributed flyers containing Philippine quarantine guidelines, as well as contact details of relevant government agencies.

Labor Attaché Armi Evangel N. Peña, for her part, reminded the seafarers of their rights as OFWs and the services that the Philippine government could give them.

The chartered Ethiopian Airlines flight out of LAX was arranged by Carnival.

Also joining the Consul General were Assistance to Nationals Officer Judelyn M. Cuaresma; Philippine Overseas Labor Office in Los Angeles Admin Officer Miguel Ignacio Maria S. Castriciones and Police Attaché in the West Coast Romulo Diaz, Jr. This repatriation was made possible through close coordination between the Department of Foreign Affairs and the Philippine Embassy in Washington D.C., U.S.A., as well as other key government agencies. END.

