



PhilConGen LA Sends Off Over 700 Filipino Seafarers



(Above photos: The Philippine Consulate General in L.A. sends off Filipino seafarers in various batches)

08 April 2020, Los Angeles – Committed to ensure the safety of Filipinos overseas, the Philippine Consulate General, led by Consul General Adelio Angelito S. Cruz, assisted and sent off 751 Filipino cruise ship crewmembers employed by Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings, Ltd. (NCLH) in five separate batches on 07 and 08 April 2020.



These Filipino seafarers disembarked from the company's three cruise ships docked at the Port of Los Angeles, namely, the *M/S Norwegian Joy*, *M/S Regent Seven Seas Splendor* and *M/S Norwegian Jewel* after completing their 14-day mandatory quarantine onboard without exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms.

During the sendoff, Consul General Cruz and Deputy Consul General Ambrosio Brian F. Enciso III briefed the various batches of Filipino crew on Philippine Government quarantine protocols. The Consulate General also distributed flyers containing said quarantine guidelines, as well as contact details of relevant government agencies (*Left photos*).



Labor Attaché Armi Evangel N. Peña reminded each batch of repatriates of their rights as OFWs and the services that the Philippine government could give them.

The flights out of the Los Angeles International Airport were arranged and provided for by NCLH.



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 massive repatriation effort was made possible through the hard work and dedication of the Philippines Foreign Service led by the Department of Foreign Affairs and the Philippine Embassy in Washington D.C., U.S.A. to secure welfare and health of our *kababayans*. END.

(Left photo: Labor Attaché, Ms. Armi Evangel N. Peña speaks to seafarers)