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ADVISORY

Temporary Suspension of Visa Issuance and Visa-Free Privileges

The Philippine Consulate General in Vancouver wishes to inform the public of the following measures, effective immediately, in relation to the declaration of a State of Calamity throughout the Philippines due to the COVID-19 pandemic:

1. Temporary suspension of visa issuances to Canadians and other foreign nationals intending to travel to the Philippines;
2. Temporary suspension of visa-free privileges enjoyed by certain foreign citizens, including Canadian citizens, under Visa Waiver Agreements and Executive Order No. 408, s.1960, (i.e., 30-day visa-free/visa-exempt Canadian and foreign nationals);

Further, Canadians and other foreign nationals with visas issued by the Consulate (primarily 9A – Temporary Visitor’s Visa) will not be allowed entry into the Philippines starting 22 March 2020 (Philippine time).

Exempted from these temporary suspensions are:

1. Foreign spouses and children of Filipino nationals; and
2. Foreign Government and International Organizations officials accredited to the Philippines

All previously-issued visas are deemed cancelled, excluding the above-mentioned exemptions. The Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines may exempt, on a case-to-case basis, foreign citizens otherwise covered by the above suspension.

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