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## PCG Macau SAR and POLO Macau SAR Information and Advice on the Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Outbreak originating from Wuhan, China

According to the Philippine Consulate General in Macau SAR, the Macau government has assured the public that it is closely monitoring its borders against possible cases linked to pneumonia infections in Wuhan, China. The public is advised to immediately report suspected cases to the Macau Health Bureau through its hotline at 28 700800.

POLO Macau reports that the Macau government announced on 22 January 2020 that the first confirmed case of the new pneumonia virus strain in the city has been recorded, with the case involving a Chinese woman who travelled from Wuhan to Macau.

The Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Aoleong U, revealed this information in a special press conference held by the contingency center created by the Macau government on 21 January 2020 to reinforce the response to this new type of coronavirus.

The contingency center in Macau has extended the screening of body temperature to all Chinese tourists arriving in the territory by plane in view of the significant increase in cases of infection.

The Consulate invites all Filipinos based in Macau and those who intend to visit Macau as tourists to observe the following recommendations:

- 1. Wash hands properly to keep hands clean, or use alcohol-based handrub, especially before touching the eyes, nose, and mouth;
- 2. Cover the mouth and nose with a tissue paper, an elbow or a piece of clothing when coughing or sneezing;
- 3. Do not share towel with others;
- 4. Wear gloves before handling objects or areas contaminated by secretions or excretions;
- 5. Exercise regularly, maintain adequate rest and a balanced diet;
- 6. Avoid visiting crowded places and hospitals; wear a mask if necessary;
- 7. Avoid close contact with patients with fever or symptoms of respiratory infection;

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8. If developing symptoms such as fever or respiratory symptoms, consult a doctor immediately. Let the doctor know if you have travelled to major affected areas before disease onset; suspend work and stay at home for rest if recommended by doctors.

Filipino workers residing and working in Macau are advised to follow the same precautionary measures.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

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