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**ADAPTATION AND INTEGRATION COURSE FOR FOREIGN NATIONALS
WITH LONG-TERM AND PERMANENT RESIDENCE PERMIT
IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC**

Filipinos in the Czech Republic, particularly those who are holders of employee cards or blue cards issued under the Qualified Employee Program of the Economic Migration Regime, are hereby advised that effective 01 January 2021, the Czech Government imposed a new obligation to all foreign nationals with long-term (those who have stayed in the Czech Republic for more than 90 days) and permanent residence permit to take the Adaptation and Integration course within one year from the date of issuance of their residence permit.

The four-hour course, administered by the Centers for Support of Integration of Foreign Nationals, covers the following topics:

1. The rights and obligations of foreigners in the Czech Republic;
2. The fundamental values of, everyday life, culture and customs prevailing in the Czech Republic; and
3. The organizations and institutions that provide advisory services to foreign nationals free of charge.

The course is administered by a qualified educator in Czech language and is interpreted by a qualified interpreter; it carries a fee of CZK1,500 (approx. USD75.00) for the public and CZK800 (approx. USD40.00) when administered by an external legal entity accredited by the Ministry.

An attendance certificate is issued for those who will finish the course. Failure to complete the course within one year after obtaining a residence permit is an offense which carries a fine of up to CZK10,000 (approx. USD500.00). Holders of Employee Cards and Blue Cards issued under government programs "Highly Skilled Employee" and "Key and Scientific Personnel", on the other hand, are not obliged to take the course.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

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