## **PUBLIC ADVISORY #6**

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF EMBASSY OPERATIONS

March 16, 2020

The Philippine Embassy in Madrid wishes to provide the following update on the conditions in Spain with regard to the coronavirus (COVID-19):

The Government of Spain has declared a STATE OF ALARM due to the coronavirus, a constitutional measure aimed at managing the health crisis in all parts of Spain. The state of alarm shall last for fifteen (15) calendar days, starting 14 March 2020 and may be extended further depending on developments.

Under the STATE OF ALARM, movement of people and private vehicles shall be restricted, and operation of retail establishments in Spain will be suspended with exceptions for retail of food, beverages and other essential goods and services.

Because of the restriction of movement, the Embassy informs Filipinos in Spain and Andorra of the following schedule of Embassy operations:

## The Philippine Embassy will be open from 1000 hrs to 1500 hrs on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

The Embassy will only process urgent requests for Travel Documents and Reports of Death. All other consular services such as passport renewals shall not be entertained until such time as the STATE OF ALARM is lifted.

For verification of employment contracts and other labor-related documents and OEC applications, please email polo2013.spain@gmail.com or contact 604 348 154.

For OWWA membership and welfare-related concerns, email spain@owwa.gov.ph or call 637 058 728.

For emergencies, please contact the Philippine Embassy at 616 491 861 or the Philippine Consulate General in Barcelona at 645 675 098.

For other specific concerns of the Filipino community in Spain, please check the Philippine Embassy website, Embassy and POLO Facebook account and the E Filipinas APP regularly.

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