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

The confirmed cases in Spain have now reached to 83, with two individuals having been discharged in mid-February in Mallorca and La Gomera.

Thirteen autonomous communities in Spain have reported positive cases of COVID-19. The geographical distribution is as follows: Valencia (15); Madrid (15); Catalonia (12); Andalusia (12); Basque Country (9); Canary Islands (7); Castile and León (3); Extremadura (4); Balearic Islands (2); Navarra (1); Asturias (1); Cantabria (1); and Castilla-La Mancha (1). A case was previously announced in the community of Aragon but this was found to be negative.

No Filipino has been reported as being under observation.

As of March 2, 2020, the Philippine Embassy will still continue with the consular mobile outreaches to various cities in Spain as indicated for the calendar year 2020.

Filipinos are advised to be mindful of their health and strengthen their immune system, while taking practical hygiene measures and avoid contact with people with flu-like illnesses. Observe basic hygiene, such as washing hands with soap and water frequently, and covering your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, preferably using disposable tissues.

There is no recommendation to quarantine foreign travelers upon their arrival in Spain. Even then, some airports in some countries may be implementing health screening procedures. Do not travel if you have fever, cough or other respiratory symptoms. If you develop symptoms of acute respiratory infection, stay at home and call 112 for medical service. When planning a trip to the Philippines, it is best to avoid transiting through COVID-19 hit areas.

More information on COVID-19 may be found in <https://www.mscbs.gob.es/> *136*

