



On January 7, 2020, Federal President Alexander Van der Bellen swore in a new Austrian Federal Government formed by the conservative Austrian People's Party (OeVP) and the ecologist Green Party. The new Government is once again led by Federal Chancellor Sebastian Kurz, who already served in this capacity from 2017 to 2019. (Austria News)

PHL Embassy repatriates Filipinos from Haiti

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Philippine Embassy's Deputy Chief of Mission Renato Pedro O. Villa and Assistance-to-Nationals Officer Ryan Dasal were in Haiti on 11-14 January 2020 to assist in the repatriation of 30 Filipino nationals, composed of 9 minors and 21 adults, to the Philippines.

The Filipino community in Haiti petitioned the said repatriation because of the unstable economic and security situations in the country, caused by continuous civil unrest, crime, and kidnapping.

Most of the minor repatriates will continue their studies in the Philippines.

The repatriates were divided into two (2)

groups – the Philippine Airlines (PAL) group which is composed of 17 repatriates, and Asiana Airlines group which is composed of 13 repatriates. Both groups arrived in the Philippines on January 16, 2020.

"Ensuring the safety and well-being of our overseas Filipinos remain a top priority of the Philippine Government. The Philippine Embassy, along with the Philippine Consulates General and Honorary Philippine Consulates in the United States and in the Caribbean, are always here to listen and provide assistance to our kababayans as the need arises," Philippine Ambassador to the United States Jose Manuel G. Romualdez said in a separate statement.



Filipinos line up at Haiti's airport prior to boarding their flights to the Philippines.

U.S. to participate in Expo 2020 Dubai

The Department of State is pleased to announce the participation of the United States in Expo 2020 Dubai, the next World's Fair and the first in the Middle East and Africa.

Expos, also known in the United States as World's Fairs, are significant opportunities to showcase American freedom, ideals, enterprise, culture, and global leadership.

The U.S. pavilion is made possible by the generosity of the Emirati government in recognition of the strong partnership between the United States and the United Arab Emirates. This is a historic opportunity for a global audience to experience the U.S. pavilion and Expo 2020 Dubai when it opens its gates in October 2020 for an expected 25 million visits during the six-month long event.

Importantly, the American private sector will have a golden opportunity to showcase its creativity and innovation, as well as pursue business partnerships and new markets with corporate leaders from around the world.

The Department is dedicated to developing an exciting U.S. pavilion at Expo 2020 with an exhibition that engages visitors from around the world to learn more about the United States and the freedom that enables success and innovation.

US Ambassador Kim announces Php 5.1M in relief assistance for communities affected by Taal Volcano

NASUGBU, Batangas— During a visit to a school serving as an evacuation center in Nasugbu, Batangas on January 22, U.S. Ambassador to the Philippines Sung Y. Kim announced the provision of Php 5.1 million (\$100,000) in U.S. government support to those affected by the January 12 Taal volcanic eruption. Ambassador Kim also joined Philippine Disaster Resilience Foundation (PDRF) partners to distribute supplies to evacuees in Calatagan.

With this new funding, the United States government, through U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) partner World Vision, is providing relief supplies including soap, sleeping mats, and blankets, to nearly 7,600 people in the Nasugbu West Central School evacuation center in Batangas.

While at the evacuation site, the Ambassador spoke with families who were forced to evacuate their homes. "I'm inspired by the strength and resilience of these families who faced such devastation and loss following the volcanic eruption. As friends, partners, and allies to the Philippines, we will continue to support our Philippine government counterparts as they work to address the needs of those communities most affected by the eruption."

In Calatagan, Ambassador Kim thanked PDRF companies for their assistance to evacuees. "I have been very encouraged to see the private



sector – American companies alongside Philippine companies – mobilize to address urgent needs of communities following the Taal volcanic eruption." PDRF is a major private sector vehicle and coordinator for disaster management in the Philippines.

This newly announced U.S. assistance complements existing support to transport emergency supplies to evacuees, provide technical assistance to manage evacuation centers, and loan specialized equipment and analytic support to monitor the Taal volcano.

US gov't launches Php 153-Million project to support Philippine efforts to counter human trafficking

MANILA — The U.S. government is supporting the Philippine government's commitment to end modern day slavery with the launch of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID)'s three-year, Php153 million (\$3 million) Strengthening Local Systems and Partnerships for More Effective Counter-Trafficking in Persons in the Philippines project. USAID will partner with the Philippines.

This project complements ongoing U.S. assistance against human trafficking, such as the Child Protection Compact and the Program to End Modern Slavery. Together, these three

programs represent a more than Php510 million U.S. government commitment to anti-human trafficking efforts in the Philippines.

At the project launch, U.S. Ambassador to the Philippines Sung Kim stressed that, "Men, women, and children continue to fall prey to traffickers and illegal recruiters all over the world. Through our programs, we partner with

our friends and allies to strengthen social safety nets and the rule of law, as well as expand citizens' education and employment opportunities."

Ambassador Kim also lauded the Philippine government for its strong commitment to addressing trafficking in persons, as well as local civil society organizations for working together to fight human slavery in the country.

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