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PH and Bahrain award financial assistance and scholarships to two victors of human trafficking

24 February 2020 – The Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) joined hands with Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) of the Kingdom of Bahrain in celebrating two (2) Filipinas as victors of human trafficking. "Faith" and "Hope", survived sexual exploitation and bravely executed statements against their Filipino traffickers, which led to the latters' prosecution and eventual apprehension in Bahrain.

LMRA through the Victim's Assistance Fund and DFA through the Assistance-to-National (ATN) Fund both awarded financial assistance to the two (2) Filipina victors in the hopes of helping them begin a new life. AMA University and Colleges also awarded scholarships to each of the Filipina victors.

Undersecretary Robert E.A. Borje, Chief of Presidential Protocol and Presidential Assistant on Foreign Affairs remarked, "Today's event marks as an outstanding international achievement towards the promotion of the welfare of our Filipino workers in the Kingdom of Bahrain. Through the joint efforts and cooperation between the Republic of the Philippines and Kingdom of Bahrain we were able to demonstrate the essential standards necessary in combating this borderless scourge called human trafficking."

Representatives from the Office of the President, Office of the Special Envoy to the Gulf Cooperation Council, Department of Justice, National Bureau of Investigation, and Blas Ople Policy Center joined the Department in celebrating this important milestone.

This celebration and recognition is in line with the policy of the Secretary of Foreign Affairs to pursue criminal cases against human traffickers, even if they are Filipinos. END.

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