DFA REPATRIATES 405 DISTRESSED FILIPINOS FROM LEBANON AND KUWAIT

31 March 2022 -- The Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) successfully repatriated 386 distressed Overseas Filipinos and 19 minors and infants from Lebanon and Kuwait. They safely landed in Manila at 6:20 p.m. via a DFA-chartered sweeper flight. Of the 405 total repatriates, 124 were from Lebanon, while 281 were from Kuwait.

In coordination with the Philippine Embassies in Beirut and Kuwait, the Office of the Undersecretary for Migrant Workers Affairs (OUMWA) facilitated the joint repatriation. The latest repatriation effort brings the total OFs brought home by DFA-OUMWA since the Covid-19 pandemic to 459,268.

According to Foreign Affairs Undersecretary Sarah Lou Y. Arriola, it is a testament to DFA’s commitment to helping Filipinos abroad, wherever they may be. “We stand ready to assist our kababayans abroad with their needs. Our commitment to 24/7 public service is unwavering amidst global challenges,” she added.

In addition to the chartered flight, the DFA also took care of expenses related to Covid-19 testing for the repatriates. DFA-OUMWA personnel also assisted the OFs and apprised them of the health protocols upon arrival. END

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