With an aim to safely bring back our OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS (OFWs) to their respective provinces, as directed by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, the Department of Transportation (DOTr) join hands with the National Task Force for COVID-19, and other concerned government agencies, in establishing the transport initiative called HATID-TULONG PROGRAM.

Since the onset of the HATID TULONG PROGRAM, until today, 26 March 2021, MORE THAN HALF A MILLION stranded OFWs, or 504,859 to be exact, have been assisted, wherein 153,814 of which were transported by land (from May 25, 2020 to March 25, 2021), 264,118 using air transport (from May 26, 2020 - March 26, 2021), and via sea transport 86,927 (from April 27, 2020 - March 25, 2021).

DOTr Secretary Arthur Tugade underscored the need to provide assistance to our OFW kababayans—our ‘modern day heroes—as a CONTINUING EFFORT. With this, the agency has been non-stop in giving its all-out assistance, to ensure the overall welfare of our stranded OFWs as they go back home to their families.

Under the firm and determined leadership of Secretary Tugade, the Hatid Tulong Program is one of the milestone, joint initiative of the Department of Transportation (DOTr), together with the participation of the Office of the President, National Task Force Covid-19, Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA), Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP), Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of Tourism (DOT), Philippine Ports Authority (PPA), Office for Transportation Security (OTS), Manila International Airport Authority (MIAA), Land Transportation Office (LTO), and Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB).

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