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FOR / TO : **Undersecretaries**
Assistant Secretaries
Service Directors
Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Heads of UPMOs
District Engineers
This Department

For information guidance, attached is a copy of Memorandum from the Executive Secretary dated February 01, 2020, entitled "**GUIDELINES FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS ACUTE RESPIRATORY DISEASE SITUATION**".

A copy of said Memorandum may also be downloaded from **DPWH website: <http://dpwhweb>**. If an office cannot access the DPWH website, a Hard copy may be obtained from the Records Management Division, HRAS, upon request.

For dissemination to all concerned.

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Encl: Memorandum from the Executive Secretary, dated February 01, 2020
Cc: Office of the Secretary

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**Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang**

MEMORANDUM FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

TO : HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, OFFICES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES OF THE GOVERNMENT, GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR – CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS (GOCCs), GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (GFIs), STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES (SUCs) AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs)

SUBJECT : GUIDELINES FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS ACUTE RESPIRATORY DISEASE SITUATION

DATE : FEB 01 2020

This refers to Joint Resolution No. 2 (s. 2020) dated 31 January 2020 of the *Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases* (Task Force) established under Executive Order No. 168 (s. 2014), relative to the guidelines on the management of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus Acute Respiratory Disease (2019-nCoV ARD) situation, pursuant to and as part of the implementation of the directives of the President.

As approved and recommended by the Task Force, all heads of departments, agencies, offices and instrumentalities of the government, GOCCs, GFIs, SUCs and LGUs are hereby informed of and directed to adopt, coordinate and implement the following guidelines:

1. Impose travel restrictions under the following cases—
 - a. Any person, except Filipino citizens and holders of Permanent Resident Visa issued by the Philippine Government, directly coming from any of the regions of China, including its Special Administrative Regions, will be temporarily banned to enter the Philippines;
 - b. Any person, except Filipino citizens and holders of Permanent Resident Visa issued by the Philippine Government, who, within fourteen (14) days immediately preceding arrival in the Philippines, has been to any of the regions of China, including its Special Administrative Regions, will be temporarily banned to enter the Philippines;
 - c. Filipino citizens and holders of Permanent Resident Visa who are currently in China, regardless of the province, will be allowed to return to the Philippines, but will be required to undergo a fourteen (14)-day quarantine.

Those who are unwell and currently in China are advised to delay their return to the Philippines and seek assistance from the Philippine Embassy in China for further advice;

- d. Filipino citizens are temporarily banned from travel to any of the regions of China including its Special Administrative Regions; and
2. The Task Force shall establish a repatriation and quarantine facility, subject to a joint inspection by a composite team led by the Department of Health, Armed Forces of the Philippines, Philippine National Police and the Bureau of Immigration. Any potential apprehension or resistance of the community where the repatriation and quarantine facility is located shall be addressed by the same composite team with the assistance of the Presidential Communications Operations Office.
3. Such other guidelines which the Task Force may subsequently issue on the matter, consistent with the respective agency mandates and relevant laws, rules and regulations.

For immediate compliance.

By authority of the President:



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