PHILIPPINE EMBASSY KUWAIT SUCCESSFULLY REPATRIATED 44 UNDOCUMENTED OFWS UNDER THE ASSISTED VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION PROGRAM

01 August 2018 – The Philippine Embassy in Kuwait has announced today that it has successfully repatriated a group of forty-four (44) undocumented OFWs yesterday, 31 July 2018. The aforementioned repatriates are part of Post's Assisted Voluntary Repatriation Program (AVRP), a joint program of the Embassy, the Ministry of Interior's Illegal Residency Monitoring Department, and the Immigration Department. AVRP aims to repatriate OFWs who were charged with absconding/expired visa cases at the Immigration Department, without having to be detained.

Undocumented OFWs who availed the Assisted Voluntary Repatriation Program (AVRP) with the Philippine Embassy Kuwait Team
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"I would like to thank the Kuwait government for the invaluable support and assistance they have provided the Embassy and I would also like to thank the indefatigable Officers and staff of the Philippine Embassy for their dedication in making the AVRP successful." Chargé d'affaires, a.i. Mohd. Noordin Pendosina N. Lomondot said in a statement. Also in the repatriation are two (2) OFWs with medical cases, one of whom also had a breach of trust case. Both OFW were assisted and their cases monitored by the Embassy's Assistance to Nationals Medical Response Team (ATNU-MRT). In addition, five (5) OFWs who had theft cases filed by their respective employers, were assisted and monitored by the Embassy's ATN Unit. Their cases were resolved and the travel bans were then lifted after the Embassy, in coordination with DFA's Office of the Under Secretary for Migrant Workers Affairs (OUMWA), provided them legal assistance.

The 44 OFWs are expected to arrive in Manila *vía* Qatar Airways today, Wednesday, 01 August 2018 at 1635H. **END**