MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL POEA CONCERNED OPERATING UNITS

RE: IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION OF DEPLOYMENT TO HONG KONG DUE TO SARS

In order to protect our OFWs bound for Hong Kong—Special Administrative Region (HK-SAR) from possible exposure to the dreaded disease, Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), the following instructions are hereby given:

1. Immediately suspend processing and issuance of OECs-Receipt to landbased new hires and workers-on-leave or balik-manggagawas.

2. Only workers who have confirmed flight schedules for today, 25 April 2003 shall be allowed to depart for Hong Kong by the Labor Assistance Centers at the country's international airports.

For strict compliance.

ROSA LINDA DIMAPILIS-BALDOZ
Administrator

25 April 2003