UAE REMINDS OFWS TO CHECK PASSPORT VALIDITY

The government of the United Arab Emirates reminds OFWs to follow its rules and procedures on the legal entry of foreign nationals. In particular, OFWs are advised to check the validity of their passports to UAE and be guided by the following:

1. The Philippine passport must be valid for not less than six (6) months, if the holder has NO residence permit.

2. The Philippine passport must be valid for not less three (3) months, if the holder arriving at or departing from the UAE holds a special entry permit or a visit visa or an employment visa.

3. Individuals traveling to UAE must distinguish between entry visas and entry permits:

   - The entry visa is an approval indicated in the visitor’s passport or travel document, allowing him or her to enter the country. This visa can be issued by a UAE embassy or consulate in the country of the person who is applying for the entry visa. It can also be issued by the Naturalization and Residency Department (known as the Immigration in the UAE).

   - The entry permit is a special document issued for expatriates in order to allow them to enter the country. It can be issued only by the Naturalization and Residency Department in the UAE.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

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