

**PHL AMBASSADOR MEETS WITH SEYCHELLES
MINISTER OF LABOR AND POLICE COMMISSIONER TO ENSURE SAFETY AND
WELFARE OF FILIPINO NATIONALS IN SEYCHELLES**



Ambassador Alex G. Chua (Center) with Minister Myriam Telemaque and the various heads of Department of the Ministry for Labor, Immigration and Civil Status

Victoria, Seychelles, 07 August 2019– At the sidelines of his presentation of credentials, Ambassador Alex G. Chua met with Seychelles officials, particularly Minister Myriam Telemaque with the various heads of Department of the Ministry for Employment Immigration and Civil Status and Police Commissioner Mr, Krishnan Labonte, to ensure the safety, welfare and well-being of Filipinos residing in Seychelles.

Minister Telemaque informed Ambassador Chua that there are roughly 650 Filipinos in Seychelles and expressed her appreciation for the contribution of the Filipinos to the Seychelles economy and said that she is sure that Seychelles will benefit greatly if more Filipinos could work in Seychelles.

Ambassador Chua stressed to Minister Telemaque the need for a comprehensive labor agreement which would ensure the protection of migrant workers, before the Philippines could deploy more workers.

Commissioner Labonte, on the other hand, lauded the good behavior of the Filipino Community in Seychelles and expressed that they were a credit to the Philippines. He further stated that of the migrant communities in Seychelles, Filipinos were the best and has enhanced the Seychelles society.



Meeting of Ambassador Chua with Minister Telemaque with the Department Heads of the Ministry for Employment Immigration and Civil Status

In both meetings, Ambassador Chua underscored the importance the Philippine government puts on the care and safety of Filipino migrant workers, who are deemed the “*bagong bayani*,” new heroes of the Philippines. “We entrust our Filipino nationals in your care, because we know that you will value them as though they are your own nationals.”

Ambassador Chua travelled to Seychelles for his accreditation visit on 04-07 August 2019, where he met with President Danny Faure, other Seychelles government officials and Filipino Community. He was accompanied by his spouse, Madame Marie Marla Chua and Cultural Officer Hossana P. Dela Cruz.



Ambassador Alex G. Chua with Police Commissioner Krishnan Labonte.

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