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SUBJECT : NOVEL CORONAVIRUS 2019 (2019-nCoV)

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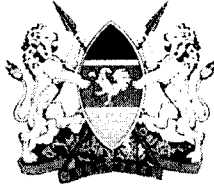
The Philippine Embassy in Nairobi wishes to inform the public that the Kenyan Ministry of Health in its press release dated 28 January 2020 reported a suspected case of corona virus in Nairobi, Kenya. The patient is under the care of the Infectious Diseases Unit at the Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH) for investigation and admission. The suspected case remains in the isolation facility at KNH while investigation and laboratory tests are undertaken. The suspected case is reported to be in stable condition. However, it is not clear yet when the preliminary results of the test will be out.

In light of this development and on-going public concerns, we wish to advise all our Kababayans to take the necessary precautionary measures, including the following :

- Frequently wash hands with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rub;
- When coughing and sneezing, cover mouth and nose with flexed elbow or tissue – throw tissue away immediately and wash hands;
- Avoid large crowds;
- If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing with a history of recent travel to China seek medical care early and share previous travel history with your health care provider;
- Never touch your face with unclean hands.

Please disseminate this information to all our kababayans. Salamat po.

For more information and updates, you may refer to the website of the Kenyan Ministry of Health at www.health.go.ke or may contact them at telephone number +254 202 71 7077 or email at ps@health.go.ke.



MINISTRY OF HEALTH

PRESS RELEASE

PRESS RELEASE ON SUSPECTED 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS CASE ADMITTED AT THE KENYATTA NATIONAL HOSPITAL

On the morning of 28th January 2020, the Ministry of Health was notified of a passenger aboard flight KQ 887 from Guangzhou China who upon screening on arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) was found to have fever. The traveler reported he had not been in contact with a known case of novel Coronavirus 2019 (2019-nCoV). He was immediately isolated in a temporary holding room at JKIA and later transferred to the Infectious Disease Unit, Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH) for investigation and admission. On examination, the suspected case was found to be in stable condition with all vital signs with normal ranges. Following admission at the KNH, appropriate specimens have been collected for investigation at the National Influenza Centre.

Information available indicates that he left Wuhan City 20th January 2020 to Zhangjiajie City. He left for Nairobi through Guangzhou, China and Bangkok, Thailand on 27th January 2020 and arrived at JKIA this morning at 0615 hours. The suspected case remains in the isolation facility at KNH while investigations and laboratory tests are undertaken.

So far, this is the only suspected case.

We wish to advise members of the public to:

- Maintain basic hand and respiratory hygiene,
- Safe food practices
- Avoid close contact with people suffering from acute respiratory infections.
- In addition, anyone showing symptoms of respiratory illness such as fever, coughing, difficulty in breathing and sneezing with a history of recent travel to China is advised to go to the nearest health facility for assessment and prompt management.

The surveillance system remains on high alert at all points of entry and health facilities and screening is being conducted to all those from affected countries. Further, we assure you that the Government shall continue sharing updates.

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28th January 2020