

## PH EMBASSY IN NAIROBI REPATRIATES STRANDED FILIPINO NATIONAL FROM REPUBLIC OF CONGO



*From Right: Philippine Embassy's ATN Officer Fervie Jay V. Brubio and Republic of Congo Ministry of Foreign Affairs Cooperation and Diaspora Congolese's Director Blaise Djassa sent off repatriate at the Agostinho Neto International Airport of Pointe-Noire.*

POINTE-NOIRE, 31 October 2022 – The Philippine Embassy in Nairobi, in coordination with the Republic of Congo's Ministry of Foreign Affairs Cooperation and Diaspora Congolese, successfully repatriated a Filipino national from the Republic of Congo on 26 October 2022.

The repatriation of the Filipino national, who has not been able to return to the Philippines for 21 years, was carried out by the Embassy, in cooperation with the DFA-Office of the Undersecretary for Migrant Workers' Affairs (OUMWA), the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA), and the Philippine Embassy in Bangkok.

The repatriated individual worked as a mechanic in a company in the Republic of Congo until the company shut down, leaving him stranded in the country, with financial difficulties and expired immigration papers.

The Republic of Congo, also known as Congo-Brazzaville, is located in the western coast of central Africa and is known for its petroleum, which accounts for 70 percent of its exports. The country hosts around 25 Filipinos who work predominantly in the service sector and as professionals.

The Philippines and the Republic of Congo established formal diplomatic relations on 19 January 2000. The Philippine Embassy in Nairobi, Kenya oversees the Philippines' relations with the Republic of Congo. END