

ALLOWING THE EXTENSION OF STAY OF KOREAN NATIONALS WHOSE APPLICATIONS ARE INDORSED BY THE EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

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In a letter dated 23 September 2003, Minister and Consul General CHO, Hee Yong of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea formally informed the Bureau that it has initiated a campaign enjoining its nationals who are in the Philippines to abide to all of the laws and regulations of the Philippines, particularly, on their immigration status. More specifically, it is recognized that a number of Korean nationals are overstaying.

It is thus requested that the Bureau extend favorable measures to overstaying Koreans whom, through the Embassy of the Republic of Korea, voluntarily report themselves.

In requesting for this, Minister CHO has also taken the opportunity to inform the Bureau and that it be taken into consideration the fact that the Korean Government has recently passed the Work Permit Law, which will benefit around 13,000 illegally-staying Filipinos.

In view of the foregoing, it is hereby declared as a policy that applications for updating and/or extension of stay as a temporary visitor of Korean nationals, which are coursed through the Embassy of the Republic of Korea, shall be approved and facilitated through the Office of the Commissioner, subject to the following conditions:

- The applicant should have no derogatory records;
- All the necessary fees and fines shall be paid;
- Those who have been staying in the country for more than 12 months shall leave on or before the expiration of the authorized stay that will be granted.

Nothing in this Memorandum Order restricts, modifies or diminishes the authority of the Bureau to disapprove the application for extension of stay on valid, reasonable or justifiable grounds.

SO ORDERED.

Adopted: 25 Sept. 2003

(SGD.) ANDREA D. DOMINGO
Commissioner

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