

EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PERSONNEL IN PHILIPPINE CONSULATE

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The Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China and has the honor to confirm, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines, that, in the spirit of the shared desire to develop friendly relations and strengthen consular cooperation between the two countries through friendly consultations, the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the People's Republic of China have reached and entered into the following agreement on the adjustment of the maximum number of consular staff in the Consulate General of the Republic of the Philippines in Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR):

Both the Philippines and China agree to amend Article 2 of the Agreement based on the Exchanges of Notes on the Establishment of the Philippine Consulate General in Macao SAR in September 2000 (as amended by the Exchange of Notes Nos. 0626-2018 dated 21 December 2016 and Bu Ling Zi No. 287 (2017) dated 12 August 2017) with regard to the total number of Philippine consular officers and staff members of the Philippine Consulate General in Macao SAR from "no more than 18 persons" into "no more than 23 persons", provided that, among whom the "staff members" refer to the "administrative or technical staff members of the Consulate". The Government of the Republic of the Philippines agreed to provide corresponding facilitations to additional personnel assigned to the diplomatic and consular missions of the People's Republic of China in the Philippines.

Should the aforementioned proposal be confirmed with a response Note from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on behalf of the Government of the People's Republic of China, this Note and the response Note from the MFA shall constitute an agreement between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the People's Republic of China which shall take effect on the date of the response Note of the MFA.

The Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Ministry of the Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China the assurances of its highest consideration.

Beijing, 13 December 2022

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
People's Republic of China

(Unofficial Embassy Translation)

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

(2023) Bu Ling Zi No. 7

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines and has the honor to confirm the receipt of the Note No. 463-2022 dated 13 December 2022 from the Embassy with the following content:

“The Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People’s Republic of China and has the honor to confirm, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines, that, in the spirit of the shared desire to develop friendly relations and strengthen consular cooperation between the two countries through friendly consultations, the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the People’s Republic of China have reached and entered into the following agreement on the adjustment of the maximum number of consular staff in the Consulate General of the Republic of the Philippines in Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR):

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Should the aforementioned proposal be confirmed with a response Note from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on behalf of the Government of the People’s Republic of China, this Note and the response Note from the MFA shall constitute an agreement between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the People’s Republic of China which shall take effect on the date of the response Note of the MFA.”

The Ministry Foreign Affairs of the People’s Republic of China has the honor to confirm, on behalf of the Government of the People’s Republic of China, that it agreed with the content of the aforementioned Note.

The Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Ministry of the Foreign Affairs of the People’s Republic of China the assurances of its highest consideration.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of
The People’s Republic of China

Beijing, 28 January 2023

Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines,
Beijing

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