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**PHL Embassy in Manama Successfully Repatriates Long-time Medical Case**



(Left photo) Ms. Leticia with PHL Embassy officials led by H.E. Alfonso A. Ver (2<sup>nd</sup> from left), Labor Attache Vicente Cabe (extreme right), Welfare Officer Redina Manlapaz (extreme left) and Nurse Evangeline Uy of Salmaniya Medical Center (2<sup>nd</sup> from right). (Middle photo) Ms. Leticia being assisted by a *kabayan* at the Bahrain International Airport. (Right photo) Ms. Leticia's arrival at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport.

(Manama, 29 March 2021) – The Philippine Embassy in the Kingdom of Bahrain successfully repatriated *kabayan* Leticia, who has been staying in the Kingdom for 33 years but has had no visa since 2003. Prior to her repatriation, she has been diagnosed with several illnesses and has been in and out of the hospital for treatment. She was assisted by the Embassy for several months for her hemodialysis, the funding of which was sourced from the DFA Assistance to Nationals Fund, and was housed at the Migrant Workers and Other Filipinos Resource Center (MWOFRM) under the care of OWWA-Bahrain from June 2020. Since December of 2019, several friends and concerned individuals have also donated financial assistance for her continued medical care while she was awaiting her repatriation.

With the cooperation of several agencies, including the Salmaniya Medical Center social workers, the Ministry of Interior's Nationality, Passport and Residence Affairs, the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Bahrain, the Embassy was able to clear Ms. Leticia from her liabilities and to secure an exit permit for her, enabling her to fly home to the Philippines last night. She is now under the care of a medical team provided by OWWA and has been endorsed to the DSWD for her long-term care.END