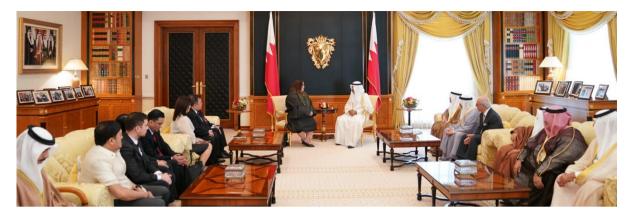
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PHL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS MEET WITH BAHRAIN PRIME MINISTER



05 November 2018, Manama – His Royal Highness Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa yesterday welcomed Philippine Government Officials led by Department of Foreign Affairs Undersecretary for Migrant Workers Affairs Sarah Lou Y. Arriola and Philippine Ambassador to Bahrain, Alfonso A. Ver at the Gudaibiya Palace in Manama, Bahrain.



Undersecretary Arriola expressed appreciation for the hospitality accorded to her and the delegation, as well as, for the more than 60,000 Filipino who calls Bahrain their second home.

Undersecretary Arriola also conveyed the PHL government's appreciation for all of Bahrain's initiatives that enhance the protection of Filipino workers in the Kingdom, particularly Bahrain's Flexible Work Permit or the "Blue Card" which provides the opportunity for undocumented Filipinos to regularize their stay in Bahrain, and explained that she will be going to the LMRA Office in Sitra today, 05 November 2018, to witness the issuance of the "blue card" to the third batch of beneficiaries of the financial assistance program offered by the PHL government to Filipino workers who are eligible to apply for Flexi Visa. This program is being implemented through the Philippine Embassy in coordination with the LMRA.

The Prime Minister lauded the contributions of the Filipino workers in the Kingdom and reiterated Bahrain's commitment to ensure the protection of their rights, as well as, the Bahraini Government's support to the continued strengthening of bilateral relations between the PHL and Bahrain. (Photos courtesy of Bahrain News Agency) END

