

Magsaysay Maritime Corporation's Official Update on Repatriated Crew of Diamond Princess

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MAGSAYSAY and Princess Cruises are delighted to share about the completion of the 14-day quarantine of the Filipino crew of the Diamond Princess repatriated last February 25, 2020 from Yokohama, Japan.

A total of 339 repatriated Filipino crew members of the Diamond Princess were released Wednesday, March 11, 2020 from the mandatory 14-day quarantine imposed by the Department of Health (DOH) to the returning crew members of the Diamond Princess. The crew members were assisted by the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) in repatriating back home to the Philippines.

The quarantine, supervised by the DOH, was held at the Athlete's Village in New Clark City, Capas, Tarlac and were supported jointly by the Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA), the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), the Local Government Units of Capas, Tarlac, and member agencies of the Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID), together with Princess Cruises and Magsaysay Maritime Corporation.

With the completion of the quarantine, the repatriated Filipino crew were given a simple yet warm send-off activity led by the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) and joined by representatives of various government agencies, the local government of Capas, Tarlac, Princess Cruises, and Magsaysay. Also included during the activity were the awarding of cash assistance to repatriates courtesy of OWWA.

The crew members were brought back to Manila to waiting families via buses, fetched on location by loved ones, or flown back to their respective provinces to rejoin their loved ones. All crew members, in addition to receiving compensation during the quarantine, were given two months of paid time-off per Princess Cruises.

Two crew members from the quarantine facility were sent to referral hospitals to undergo further treatment and care. Most of the crew members who were medically disembarked earlier in Yokohama, Japan, and have undergone and completed their quarantine, treatment, and medical care supervised by the Japanese Ministry of Health, have also since returned to their families in the Philippines.

"On behalf of everyone in Magsaysay and Princess Cruises, I would like to express our deepest appreciation and thanks to everyone who helped our Filipino crew members," Magsaysay Maritime Corporation President Arnold B. Javier said. "Thank you for extending your support in fulfilling their request to return to the Philippines and now, with the completion of the quarantine and their release, to finally be able to truly rejoin their families back home."

Magsaysay extends its heartfelt thanks to the DOH, DFA, DOLE, DOTC, DND, OWWA, POEA, and all other agency partners at the IATF-EID on this health undertaking.

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