

## PH ICONS, EVEN DURING THE COVID EPIDEMIC

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People in the Philippines not only celebrate a vacation season but also The Month of Overseas Filipinos, which honors the country's ultra-modern-day icons, every December.

December is designated as The Month of Overseas Filipinos by Proclamation No. 276, inked by the late President Corazon C. Aquino in 1987, to admit and recognize OFs over the globe as immigrants, workers, scholars, and professionals. OFs "plodded against the antedating governance and fought for the restoration of the Philippine republic" was also recognized in the protestation. OFs have since contributed to the Philippine frugality through levies and remittances, as indicated in the proclamation.

Despite the current worldwide health epidemic caused by the COVID-19, OFs continue to play an important part in helping the country's frugality recover after further than a time of strict lockdowns that pushed the frugality to its smallest point. In honor of Overseas Filipinos Month, then are some data concerning OFs and their position in the face of the COVID-19 epidemic.

Large-scale deportations Foreign Affairs Secretary Teodoro Locsin Jr. called the COVID-19-related extradition of Filipinos from other nations the largest in Philippine history. "This is the largest extradition in our history, possibly the largest extradition of any country anywhere in the country," Locsin added. "The rest of the world is astounded at the compass and success of our extradition; it's no way been done ahead," he continued.

Adding hazards and burdens. Despite the ongoing COVID-19 epidemic and trip limitations, illegal recruiting, which has been one of the monsters feeding on OFWs since also, continues to thrive in the Philippines. According to data from the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA), the frequentness of unlawful, unethical, and illegal reclamation tactics has increased this time.

In the Philippines and other nations, loosening trip restrictions corresponded with an increase in the number of docketed cases of unlawful, unethical, and illegal reclamation this time.

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