**ADVISORY TO ALL TRAVELERS VISITING OR**

**TRANSITING THROUGH HONG KONG**

 The Philippine Consulate General in Hong Kong reiterates its warning to all Filipino travelers **transiting** or **entering** Hong Kong as visitors, workers, or as residents to refrain from binging restricted items, particularly stunning devices, in their **hand-carried** of **checked-in luggage**.

 **Stun guns**, **pepper spray** and other devices such as **tear gas**, **bullets**, **extendible batons**, **flick knives/ switchblades/ butterfly blades (balisong)**, and **knuckle-dusters/ brass knuckles** are considered “arms” and therefore are restricted under Firearms and Ammunition Ordinance of Hong Kong.

 Upon conviction, the unlicensed possession of these restricted items is punishable by a fine of HK$100,000 (C$ 17,000) and a maximum sentence of 5 years imprisonment.

 The Hong Kong authorities are strict with the enforcement of the said Ordinance. All hand-carried and checked-in luggage of passengers are subjected to security screening in the airport terminals.

 This advisory is issued by the Philippine Consulate General to forewarn all Filipinos in Canada who plan to enter or transit through Hong Kong.

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