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DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM  
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TRAVEL TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

To the:

Bureau Directors  
Regional Directors  
Coordinator, State Colleges and Universities  
Heads of Offices/Units

1. Inclosed is a letter from the Honorable, the Secretary of Foreign Affairs, dated August 22, 1975, relative to travel to the People's Republic of China. It will be noted that pending the opening of the diplomatic missions of the Philippines and the aforementioned country: "only Philippine officials and visitors travelling on official business with the Chinese Government will be extended assistance in securing visas."

2. This matter should be widely disseminated in all offices under the Department and in the schools and educational institutions.

(SGM.) JUAN L. MANUEL  
Secretary of Education and Culture

Incl.:

As stated

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KAGAWARAN NG SULITANING PAGBARAS  
(DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS)  
Manila

20 August 1975

Sir :

The Department of Foreign Affairs has adopted the policy that pending opening of the diplomatic missions of the Philippines and the People's Republic of China, only Philippine officials and visitors travelling on official business with the Chinese Government will be extended assistance in securing visas. This policy has been adopted in view of the desire of the Chinese Government authorities in Hongkong to avoid incidents which might create problems of the Philippines and the People's Republic of China at this early stage of their diplomatic relations.

All Philippine foreign service establishments have been informed of this policy and instructed to refer to this Department requests of Philippine officials and private individuals for side trips to the People's Republic of China.

Please inform all the offices and agencies under your Department accordingly.

Very truly yours,

(SGP.) CARLOS P. FORULS  
Secretary of Foreign Affairs

The Honorable  
Juan L. Manuel  
Secretary of Education and Culture  
Manila

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