

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **PHILIPPINE EMBASSIES IN DAMASCUS AND BEIRUT REPATRIATE 15 FILIPINOS TO MANILA**



#### **PHOTOS:**

**FIRST ROW LEFT** – Standing L-R, Labor Attaché Bulyok Nilong, CLMC Social Worker Ms. Jeanne d'Arc Hobeika and Vice Consul Dennis John Briones with the repatriates inside the bus at the Masna'a border; **FIRST ROW RIGHT** – the repatriates line up before the check in counter at the Rafik Hariri International Airport in Beirut; **SECOND ROW**– Vice Consul Briones guides the repatriates as the latter board their flight to Manila

**29 October 2013** – Another group of 15 Filipinos from Syria were repatriated to the Philippines on 28 October 2013 via the Rafik Hariri International Airport in Lebanon during the 36<sup>th</sup> cross-border repatriation operation undertaken by the Philippine Embassies in Damascus, Syria and Beirut, Lebanon.

In the early morning of 28 October 2013, a team from the Philippine Embassy in Lebanon composed of Vice Consul Dennis John Briones and Labor Attaché Bulyok Nilong with Caritas Lebanon Migrant Center (CLMC) Social Worker Ms. Jeanne d'Arc Hobeika proceeded to the Masna'a border where they received the group of repatriates from the Damascus PE team. After clearing immigration formalities, Vice Consul Briones and Labor Attaché Nilong escorted the 15 Filipinos directly to the Rafik Hariri International Airport in Beirut where they were assisted also by the two Embassy officials until they boarded their Gulf Air flight to the Philippines.

At exactly 1:10 P.M., the repatriates left Beirut for Manama, Bahrain where they will take their next flight to Manila. The group is scheduled to arrive in Manila on 29 October 2013 at 10:10 A.M. via Gulf Air flight GF 154.

With the departure of this group of 11 Filipinos, a total of **1,862 Filipinos** has been repatriated from Syria via the Rafik Hariri International Airport in Beirut since the first cross-border operations jointly undertaken by the Philippine Embassies in Syria and Lebanon began on 12 December 2012. **END**