

<u>Advisory for Indian medical students regarding Visa processing</u>

- 1. The Embassy has been receiving several complaints from Indian medical students in the Philippines regarding processing/extension of their student visa.
- 2. In this regard, the Embassy strongly advises current students as follows:
 - i) Beware of visa tampering by agents who offer students assistance in visa processing. There have been cases where the students' passports have been marked with counterfeit/fake visa extension stamps leading to immigration related issues subsequently.
 - ii) Refrain from engaging services of any unauthorized agent or others offering visa services in person or online, or offering to 'fix' immigration issues.
 - iii) Only approach authorized Philippines Bureau of Immigration (BI) personnel or the BI accredited representative specifically appointed by the college/university for visa processing.
 - iv) Refrain from handing over passports or any other personal document to any unauthorized agent.
- For details on other precautions for studying in the Philippines, kindly refer to the Embassy's advisory dated 22 March 2021 at:

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