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MANILA-- With the growing number of Filipinos in Sweden and its ties with the Philippines going on an upswing since the reopening of the Swedish embassy in Manila, the Philippines is considering a foreign post in Stockholm, a Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) official said Thursday.

"Since their embassy reopened, the relations have strengthened. There have been so many engagements, and so we are also looking at the possibility of having our own post, eventually, in Sweden because there are also a

number of Filipinos there," DFAAssistant Secretary Ma. Amelita Aquino told reporters at a reception in celebration of the Sweden National Day in Makati City. "We had an embassy before and we closed," she said.

Aquino said there are about 13,755 Filipinos residing and working in the Nordic state as of 2017. There is a Philippine Consulate General in Stockholm under the jurisdiction of the Philippine embassy in Norway. The Philippines and Sweden, which celebrated its 72nd diplomatic ties in January 2019, have a "long-standing relationship" which continues to expand, Aquino noted. She added that aside from people-to-people ties, the presence of Swedish companies in the Philippines is also increasing.

"I think they see the potential in the Philippine economy, they wanted to be present here and I noticed that it's actually the economic engagement. (It's) same with Denmark that it's almost every year that we have delegations coming here," she said. "For us, we also see the potentials so we are considering (opening a post there). We just opened in Copenhagen so we are also considering (in Sweden). I rather not say when but of course it's something that we consider," Aquino said. (PNA)

LRT, MRT to offer free rides on Independence Day

MANILA -- Railway systems in Metro Manila will be offering free rides to passengers in celebration of the 121st anniversary of the declaration of Philippine Independence on June 12. Light Rail Manila Corporation (LRMC) Corporate Communications head, Rochelle Gamboa, told the Philippine News Agency (PNA) on Friday that the Light Rail Transit Line 1 (LRT-1) will offer free rides from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

In its advisory, the Light Rail Transit Line 2 (LRT-2) management announced that it will also provide free rides to passengers at the same time. The Metro Rail Transit Line 3 (MRT-3) earlier said passengers will be able to avail of the free rides on Independence Day. "Free rides will be offered to passengers from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.," the MRT-3 said in its advisory on Thursday. (PNA)

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Palace expresses concern over alleged PhilHealth anomalies

MANILA -- Malacañang on Friday expressed concern over the alleged anomalies at the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth). "The Palace views with deep concern the allegations of irregularities involving the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth), particularly those with regard to the reported anomalies in connection with bogus kidney dialysis treatments," Presidential Spokesperson Salvador Panelo said in a statement. Panelo said President Rodrigo R. Duterte has ordered the PhilHealth management to file criminal charges against those who misused the funds for years. "The President instructs the institution's acting President to submit a detailed report on these irregularities. We will put a stop to this corruption and we will make sure that the law on universal health care is strictly enforced," he said. Panelo added that PhilHealth is already acting on the matter. "The PhilHealth has already initiated several actions on the matter. It filed several administrative complaints against those involved in the fraud," he said. Panelo reiterated the Duterte administration's vow to combat corruption in government. "The Duterte Administration is steadfast in its goal to eliminate corruption in all levels of the bureaucracy. All persons involved in the alleged fraud will be prosecuted and face accountability. They shall reap the harshest penalty imposed by law. Nothing can shield them from prosecution and punishment," he said. On Thursday, a news report said Edwin Roberto and Liezl Santos, former employees of the WellMed Dialysis & Laboratory Center Corp. (WellMed) in Novaliches, Quezon City, claimed that PhilHealth continued paying for the dialysis of the center's dead patients without checking the validity of the claims. (PNA)

“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and He will flee from you.” – James 4:7