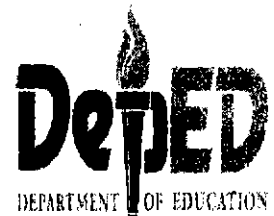




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DISSEMINATION OF DFA MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 02-04
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To: Undersecretaries
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1. For the information and guidance of all concerned, enclosed is a copy of the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) Memorandum Circular No. 02-04 regarding the United States Visitor and Immigration Status Indicator Technology (US-VISIT) Program.
2. For more information on said program, please log on to <http://www.dhs.gov/us-visit> and www.unitedstatesvisas.gov.
3. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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In a memorandum, the United States Department of State Diplomatic Liaison Division/Visa Revalidation Services informed the Philippine Embassy in Washington DC that the United States Visitor and Immigration Status Indicator Technology (US-VISIT Program) has been implemented by the US government since 05 January 2004 in 115 international airports and 14 major seaports served by cruise liners in the United States. The US-VISIT is a program of the Department of Homeland Security.

The US-VISIT program involves fingerprinting, by electronic scan of the right and left index fingers, and photographing of most persons on arrival in the United States. The immigration entry/exit card system (I-94/I-94W) will still be used.

Persons subject to fingerprinting/photographing on arrival in the US:

- Non-immigrant visa holders in all other non-immigrant categories, including A-3, G-5 and NATO 7
- Diplomatic/official passport holders entering with business, exchange visitors, student, tourist, or non-immigrant visas other than A 1-2, G1-4 and NATO 1-6.

Persons not subject to fingerprinting/photographing on arrival in the US:

- Holders of A-1, A-2, G-1, G-2, G-3, G-4 and NATO 1-6 visa, regardless of type of passport (diplomatic, official or regular passport) and
- Travelers under the Visa Waiver program.

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Pasay, 09 January 2004