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So far, no Pinoys infected

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 Voluntary Demonstration of Response (VDR) on Disaster Relief in Metro Manila and various areas in Central Luzon.
 "Our Filipinos overseas have been spared as of the moment. We have not received anything from the posts which would indicate certain Filipinos overseas

are suffering from the swine flu virus," he said.
 The DFA issued a travel advisory after the Department of Health (DOH) warned Filipino travelers to avoid unnecessary travel to Mexico or other affected areas.
Prepared for threat
 Malacañang ordered authori-

ties to step up measures to prevent the outbreak of swine flu into the country after the World Health Organization (WHO) warned that a pandemic was imminent.
 Deputy Presidential Spokesman Anthony Golez said the authorities, led by the National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC), have already readied contingency plans in case of an outbreak in the country.
 His advice to the public was basic: "We must continue with our business and pay closer attention to our hygiene. That's a way to arm ourselves against the virus."
 Golez also said President Arroyo is taking extra precautions against the swine flu, especially that there is still no specific vaccine against it.

DOH command conference
 Health Secretary Francisco Duque yesterday called a command conference involving the agency's regional directors and epidemiologists and officials of DOH-controlled hospitals to "discuss readiness plans and command and control systems for an imminent pandemic."
 "I'm also calling for a meeting with the chiefs of all private hospitals to coordinate with the DOH on how they can prepare and respond to possible case of Mexican swine flu which may come to their attention," Duque said.
 This as the DOH is checking

WHO chief raises flu pandemic alert level to 5

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 GlaxoSmithKline's Relenza, and accelerates pharmaceutical industry efforts to create a vaccine to fight the swine flu strain.
 The higher alert also signals the virus is unlikely to fade away, and could pose a prolonged public health threat.
 "It is something here to stay. Now the question is at what level it will be circulating and how easily it is transmitted," one public health expert said before the official announcement.
 Keiji Fukuda, WHO acting assistant director-general, said swine flu was spreading in a

"convincing" way in both Mexico and the United States and would likely permeate other countries and regions in a similar way.
 "By definition a pandemic is when we get to Phase 6 but we think we are in the process of moving towards there," he told the late evening press conference at the WHO headquarters.
 Chan said because all flu viruses were unpredictable, the current swine flu strain needs to be closely watched in case it mutates into a more dangerous strain—or a milder one.
 "The important point for us

now to continue to maintain our vigilance and track its movement," she said.
 The WHO is not recommending travel restrictions, border closures, or any limitation on the movement of people, goods or services as a result of the outbreak.
 Chan also stressed there was no related danger from eating properly-cooked pork. She recommended good hygiene measures such as hand-washing to prevent infection from flu and said it was important "to maintain a level of calm." ■

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Philippines remains a model on migration and protection of migrants' rights

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 and development.
 He commended the Philippines for its clear commitment to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of all Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (ICRMW) and welcomed the size and quality of the Philippine delegation as a concrete manifestation of that commitment.
 In light of the Philippines' notable achievements, the Committee raised the benchmark for evaluation of the Philippines' implementation of the Convention.

The Philippines has been the most active advocate, in all UN fora, on the campaign to promote ratification of the Convention on Migrant Workers.
 Moreover, the Philippines figures prominently in the *Guide on Ratification of the International Convention on the Protection of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families* as a strong supporter of the Migrant Workers Convention.
 The Guide cited the Philippines' contribution in encouraging more countries to ratify

the Migrant Workers Convention.
 Page 28 of the *Guide* stated that: "Several countries, such as Mexico and the Philippines, have engaged in diplomatic efforts to widen ratification..."
 "The Philippine Government has always championed the rights of migrant workers and their families in all fora in firm recognition of the significant role and contribution of all migrant workers," Ambassador Erlinda F. Basilio, Philippine Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva, said. ■

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