The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic presents its compliments to All Diplomatic Missions and International Organizations (DMIOs) accredited to the Lao PDR and has the honour to inform that the Government of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic decides to relax some measures on containment, prevention and response to the COVID-19 pandemic under the Prime Minister’s Order No. 06/PM, dated 29 March 2020 which will be implemented from 4 to 17 May 2020, details as specified in the Prime Minister Office’s Notice No. 524/PMO, dated 1 May 2020 herewith attached.

In this connection, the Ministry has the honour to kindly inform the practical arrangements for the entry into Lao PDR and self-quarantine measures as follows:

1. Members of DMIOs and Government representatives as well as their families, at the port of embarkation, are required to present a Certificate of Entry into Lao PDR issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; a completed Declaration Form; and a Fit to Fly Health Certificate issued no more than 72 hours before travelling. Upon entry into Lao PDR, they will be subject to straight away taking a free virus test at either Mahosot or Setthathirath Hospital and a 14-day self-quarantine under the supervision of the respective DMIOs at the address of residence provided in the Declaration Form. Additionally, to ensure public safety, DMIOs are required to inform the Ministry if anyone under their supervision is tested positive for COVID-19.

2. Honorary Consul-Generals and Honorary Consuls, at the port of embarkation, are required to present a Certificate of Entry into Lao PDR issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; a completed Declaration Form; and a Fit to Fly Health Certificate issued no more than 72 hours before travelling. Upon entry into Lao PDR, they will be subject to taking a free virus test and a 14-day self-quarantine at a government-designated facility at their own expense.
3. Non-Lao nationals who have work permit or have been granted permission from the government agencies to work in Lao PDR, at the port of embarkation, are required to present a Certificate of Entry into Lao PDR issued by Lao Embassy or Lao Consulate-General in their country of departure; a completed Declaration Form; and a Fit to Fly Health Certificate issued no more than 72 hours before travelling. Upon entry into Lao PDR, they will be subject to taking a free virus test and a 14-day self-quarantine at a government-designated facility at their own expense.

In this regard, the Ministry has further the honour to inform that these measures are temporary and seek the latter’s kind understanding and full cooperation in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic avails itself of this opportunity to renew to All Diplomatic Missions and International Organizations in Vientiane the assurances of its highest consideration.

Vientiane, May 4, 2020

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