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**DRUG TRAFFICKERS IN BANGKOK, HONG KONG, AND MACAU  
VICTIMIZE FILIPINOS**

The Embassy has received reports of Filipinos who were lured and victimized by African drug smugglers and traffickers based in Bangkok, Hong Kong, and Macau. Some were hired straight away by these unscrupulous individuals to transport packages surreptitiously containing illegal drugs into China or anywhere in exchange for a large sum of money.

Filipinos who fell victim to this nefarious activity recall that the "modus operandi" is that they are first befriended and later enticed with offers of big money for what seems to be a risk-free job such as flying-in to China garments and accessories from Thailand and shopping for the same in China to be brought back to Thailand. The items from Thailand are to be turned over to an associate in China, oftentimes in Guangzhou. Later on, illegal drugs are surreptitiously inserted in their luggage together with the purchased items. Several Filipinos who have been deceived and victimized by this modus operandi have been arrested and are now serving various jail terms in Thailand and in other countries.

The Embassy strongly urges the Filipino community in Thailand to warn their relatives and friends regarding this modus operandi.

Thailand imposes harsh penalties for trafficking, smuggling, manufacture or any activity involving illegal drugs. In China, these crimes merit the death penalty.

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