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Dear Partners,

The Philippine Bureau of Immigration has announced a change on its SSP regulations. In the past, the validity for a single issuance of the permit lasts for six months; however, under the new policy, the Special Study Permit (SSP) will only last for the duration of study of the student during their pre-registration. This change is effective on May 27, 2024.

Here are the additional guidelines for acquiring the permit:

1. SSP is valid only for the study period for which the student and the agency initially agreed upon during registration.

- For students who plan to stay for twelve weeks or longer, return tickets must be provided.

2. Should the student's study period be extended than what is indicated in their registration, extension of the SSP is required. The school will provide assistance in its issuance provided that payment of this application is shouldered by the student.

- In the event that the student intends to travel after his study period, he has to personally present himself at the immigration office and apply for the additional visa extension.
- For example, the student applied for four weeks study. He will be issued a four-week SSP. If he plans to extend for another four weeks, he has to apply for an extension of his SSP.

3. Overseas travel is allowed while the SSP is in effect.

- For instance, you applied for an SSP with four weeks validity, within this time, you can travel to other countries and return to the Philippines for study.

We kindly ask for your cooperation in this regard.

Thank you very much.

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