



## **ATTENTION: ALL DOT- ACCREDITED TRAVEL AND TOUR OPERATORS**

The Department of Tourism warns accredited Travel and Tour Operators about the recent report from the Office of Consular Affairs, Department of Foreign Affairs regarding the issuance of fake flight bookings by the following Chinese travel agencies:

1. Beijing International Travel Service
2. China Environment Online (Beijing) International Travel Service Co., Ltd
3. Beijing Around The World International Travel Service Co., Ltd.
4. China Bamboo Garden International Travel Service Co., Ltd.
5. Beijing Baicheng International Travel Co., Ltd.
6. Beijing Tongcheng
7. Beijing Grand Vision Travel Service Co., Ltd.
8. Beijing Funtour International Travel Service Co., Ltd.
9. Sichuan China Youth Travel Service Co., Ltd.

The Philippine Foreign Service Posts in China have temporarily suspended all visa applications from the said Chinese travel agencies.

In this connection, pursuant to the implementation of the *Memorandum of Agreement* between the Department of Foreign Affairs, Department of Justice, Department of Tourism and Bureau of Immigration, on the *Handling of Tour Groups from the People's Republic of China and its Special Administrative Regions*, also known as the Joint DFA-DOJ-DOT-BI Circular No. 2015-01, **the Department of Tourism will no longer accept or process any application for the issuance of Endorsement Letter in favor of the above-stated Chinese Travel Agencies until the suspension is lifted.**

Likewise, all DOT accredited Travel and Tour Operators are advised to disengage from transacting with the above-mentioned agencies and to review existing partnerships with foreign travel agencies to avoid any negative implications that may affect their accreditation with the Department.