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DOH REPORTS 1ST RECOVERED COVID-19 FILIPINO CASE; BRINGS TOTAL TO 3

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The Department of Health confirmed reports of the recovery and subsequent discharge of a Filipino COVID-19 case. This brings the total of recovered patients in the Philippines to 3.

The recovered case is PH14, a 46-year old male who manifested with cough and fever on February 25, 2020. He was admitted March 5, 2020 at Makati Medical Center, and was confirmed with COVID-19 on March 9, 2020. The patient is now asymptomatic and tested negative twice for COVID-19 prior to discharge.

“While this is a very welcome development, there is no reason for us to be complacent. In order to contain the virus, we may also need to extend community quarantine to other areas of the country. We need the public to cooperate with us now more than ever, and serve as our partners in ensuring that the spread of COVID-19 is put to a halt. Let us all act fast and act now,” Health Secretary Francisco T. Duque III said.