



1,200 seafarers get Pfizer jabs in Manila

At least 1,200 seafarers were given Pfizer jabs yesterday in Manila because of the vaccine brand preferences of their destination countries.

Mayor Isko Moreno, National Task Force (NTF) against COVID-19

deputy chief implementer Secretary Vince Dizon, presidential spokesman Harry Roque, Trade Secretary Ramon Lopez, Labor Secretary Silvestre Bello III and Sen. Joel Villanueva attended the symbolic inoculation of seafarers at the Palacio

de Maynila.

Dizon said there was a need to give the Pfizer vaccines to seafarers because of specific brand requirements in other countries.

"I'm sure if they had a choice, they would choose any vaccine

that's available. But there are some countries that do not recognize some vaccines," Dizon said at a press briefing.

Seafarers and other overseas Filipino workers were elevated to the A1 priority group, Dizon added.

Moreno said seafarers are welcome to get their COVID-19 jabs in Manila.

"We would be happy to vaccinate you and give you a level of confidence to go abroad," he said.

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