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Regular Briefing of Central Disaster and Safety Countermeasure Headquarters on COVID-19

- ▲Current status of overseas entrants,

▲preparation for school opening with online classes, and

▲status and management of international students entering Korea, etc. -

□ The Central Disaster and Safety Countermeasure Headquarters held a meeting today presided over by Head Chung Sekyun (Prime Minister) along with the central government and 17 cities and provinces to discuss the ▲current status of overseas entrants, ▲preparation for school opening with online classes, and ▲status and management of international students entering Korea, etc. at a video conference room in Government Complex Seoul.

□ Head Chung said, at the meeting, that donations made concerning COVID-19 surpass over KRW 200 billion, requesting the relevant ministries to take preemptive measures, such as revising regulations, to prevent any problem in regard to using them in the future.

- Also, he directed the relevant ministries to make effort to **minimize the entry of foreign nationals to Korea other than those with important purposes, cautiously approve chartered-flights or special flights** to this end, and adjust flight schedules to prevent many entrants from arriving at specific times and dates.
- The Prime Minister also requested the relevant ministries including the Ministry of the Interior and Safety to **sufficiently gather opinions from the local governments on whether to further extend the social distancing** as the first drive of the 15-day enhanced social distancing is almost over.

1 Current status of overseas entrants

- The Central Disaster and Safety Countermeasure Headquarters was reported and reviewed **the status of overseas arrivals on March by their nationality, and departing country** presented by the Ministry of Justice.
- The total number of entrants to Korea from March 1 to April 1, 2020 stood at **344,390 in total, 92% drop** from the same time last year (2019). Among them, **75% were Koreans, accounting for the majority.**
 - * From March 1 to April 1, 2019, Koreans took up 62% of all entrants to Korea based on their nationality.
- By departing country, **arrivals departing from China declined by 97%** over the same period in the previous year (875,034→24,912), and **those**

from the U.S. and Europe dropped by 58% and 71%, respectively compared to the same time last year.

2 Preparation for school opening with online classes and management of international students

※ The Ministry of Education plans to provide a separate briefing on this information.

Ministry	Division
Ministry of Education	e-Learning Division, Lifelong Learning and Future Education Bureau Educational Internationalization Division, International Cooperation Bureau

3 Status of quarantine and medical support for overseas Koreans in Italy returning to home country

□ **A second chartered temporary flight** which flew to Rome to bring 113 and, then, to Milan to bring 92 overseas Koreans and their lineal family members (a total of 205) landed at **Incheon International Airport** yesterday (April 2) at **16:30**.

○ **Before boarding**, they had their fever checked and a Korean quarantine officer **checked the Health Questionnaire to classify symptomatic cases and designate separate seats for them**. They also went through **entry quarantine** at a different gate in the Airport after **entering Korea**.

* Those with fever (37.5°C or higher) were not allowed to be on board

- During the two rounds of quarantine, a total of **20 arrivals** were classified to have symptoms, who then took **the diagnostic tests** for COVID-19 at an open screening clinic in the Airport. According to the test results, **one tested positive** and, accordingly, was **transferred to a medical institution** while the remaining **19** who tested negative are transported to a temporary living facility.
- Other 185 entrants went to a temporary living facility for overseas Koreans (Cheonan Korea Post Officials Training Institute) and have undergone the diagnostic test from this morning.
- Persons confirmed to be positive, based on the test results, will be transferred to medical institutions or community treatments centers depending on their severity, and the others will go into quarantine in a temporary living facility for 14 days.
- The Central Disaster and Safety Countermeasure Headquarters said that by operating the government joint support team during their quarantine, the authorities will work harder for safety of overseas Koreans and preventing community spread.
 - * Medical practitioners consisting of doctors and nurses reside in facilities to actively monitor the health status and COVID-19 symptoms of the quarantine subjects, and conduct diagnostic tests before they are released.
- In the meantime, 79 overseas Koreans from Iran who returned to Korea on March 19 were released from the temporary living facility this morning and provided with transport support to go to regional centers.