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2025 HAJJ ADVISORY

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To: ALL CONCERNED PARTICIPATING SHEIKHS AND INTENDING PILGRIMS

Subject: RESTRICTION ON CHILDREN BELOW 12 YEARS OLD TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2025 HAJJ

The National Commission on Muslim Filipinos-Bureau of Pilgrimage and Endowment (NCMF-BPE) informs the public of a recent **shift towards stricter guideline enforcement** from the Ministry of Hajj and Umrah (MoHU) of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia concerning the participation of children in the upcoming Hajj season of 1446 AH (2025).

While the MoHU has historically been lenient with pilgrims younger than 12, allowing their applications, we have recently discovered a change. As the BPE is now processing Hajj visas, **the Hajj portal is systematically rejecting applications for those 12 years old and younger.**

Please be aware that **this is a standing policy of the MoHU that is now being strictly implemented.** All participating Sheikhs and intending pilgrims are urged to take note of this regulation and make the necessary adjustments to their travel plans.

We understand that this may affect some paid pilgrims who had intended to travel with their young children. We would like to assure those affected pilgrims that they will be eligible for a refund for their children.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in adhering to the regulations set forth by the Ministry of Hajj and Umrah.

For information and strict compliance.


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