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### **SCAMS ON ONLINE EMPLOYMENT IN LISBON**

The Philippine Embassy in Lisbon recently noted continuing cases of Filipinos who have been victimized or have received e-mails from entities offering jobs and/or promising to process entry/visa permits for employment with Portuguese companies. These entities usually require payment of fees for Entry Clearance Certificates, International Overseas Employment Certificates (IOEC), and Affidavits of Guarantee Fund, all of which are not required by Portuguese authorities. The IOEC that these individuals are asking payment for is not the Overseas Employment Certificate (OEC) legitimately issued by the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA).

In some cases, unscrupulous individuals have misrepresented real and reputable Portuguese companies by using information on their websites but replacing their contact information including setting up fake websites of law firms or travel agencies.

The Philippine Embassy in Lisbon is reminding the public to be extra cautious in making transactions over the internet with spurious companies and individuals offering employment and issuances of entry/working visas for companies based in Portugal.

If presented with a job offer for Portugal, workers are advised to request for a copy, which usually specifies employment details such as the number of workers to be hired, the type of work with full job description and complete information on the employer. It should also be noted that Lisbon observes a quota for employment visas for foreign nationals that is reviewed periodically by an inter-agency body.

The public may contact the Philippine Embassy in Lisbon, Portugal at [Filipinas.emb.lisbon@gmail.com](mailto:Filipinas.emb.lisbon@gmail.com) and the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration at [www.poea.gov.ph](http://www.poea.gov.ph) if they receive such offers online so the particulars of the job order or offer can be verified.

  
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