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**ILLEGAL RECRUITMENT BY VISA CONSULTANTS
AND LANGUAGE TRAINING CENTERS**

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration received reports that some visa consultants and language training centers are promising overseas employment in order to entice clients to avail of their service.

The Administration hereby warns the public that the said practice of visa consultants and language training centers is considered as illegal recruitment. Under Republic Act No. 8042, as amended by Republic Act No. 10022, offering overseas employment, in these cases in the guise of visa assistance or language training, without the necessary license or authority from the POEA constitutes illegal recruitment.

POEA Memorandum Circular No. 10 (Series of 2003) provides guidelines for the participation of local immigration consultancy agencies in the recruitment and placement of overseas Filipino workers. Immigration consultants are required to obtain a license from the POEA before engaging in recruitment and placement activities, regardless of the visa under which deployment shall be made eventually. Also, language training centers are not allowed to engage in the recruitment and placement of overseas Filipino workers.

We are highly discouraging both prospective applicants and returning workers from entertaining job offers by language training centers and visa consultants and immediately report any illegal or suspicious activity. Please contact the Anti-Illegal Recruitment Branch through email at poea.airb16@gmail.com or phone at 8722-1189 (Legal Assistance Division) or 8722-1192 (Operations and Surveillance Division).

For the information and guidance of all concerned.


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