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**Warning on fraudulent visas and illegal recruitment/  
human trafficking activities for supposed deployment to Palau**


The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) received reports that certain individuals and entities have been promising prospective Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) employment in the Republic of Palau, and convincing OFWs to pay as much as one thousand United States dollars (USD) for fraudulent provisional visas, work permits, and other fake documents. However, as confirmed by the Philippine Honorary Consul in Palau, the supposed foreign employers/principals and corresponding job orders do not exist. Moreover, genuine provisional visas issued to other prospective employees were intercepted, copied, and used for fake documents.

The POEA warns the public to exercise extreme caution in pursuing job applications for employment in Palau in order to avoid falling victim to illegal recruitment and human trafficking schemes. Overseas job seekers may confirm the existence and legitimacy of approved job orders per position, per agency, and per country through the POEA website at [www.poea.gov.ph](http://www.poea.gov.ph).

The public is also reminded to transact only with licensed recruitment agencies and their duly acknowledged employees. The POEA further advises that there remains a restriction on direct hiring, and the authenticity of employment contracts intended for direct hires may be confirmed with the Philippine Overseas Labor Office (POLO) having jurisdiction over the job site, with corresponding documents to be processed with the POEA.

The POEA is coordinating with the diplomatic corps and law enforcement agencies, and investigating the licensed recruitment agencies with alleged involvement in this matter. We encourage the public to immediately report any suspicious recruitment activities to the Operations and Surveillance Division via email at [osd@poea.gov.ph](mailto:osd@poea.gov.ph). Information on avoiding recruitment scams is available at the POEA Anti-Illegal Recruitment Branch Facebook Page at [www.facebook.com/airbranch](http://www.facebook.com/airbranch).

For the information and guidance of all concerned,

  
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