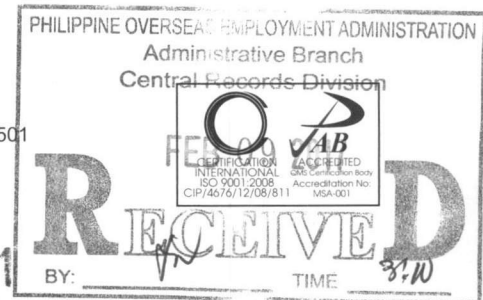




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TO : **ALL CONCERNED LANDBASED RECRUITMENT AGENCIES**

SUBJECT : **Recruitment and deployment of Caregivers/Care Assistants for Japan**

The 2016 Technical Intern Training Act of Japan, which potentially will cover caregivers among those eligible jobs under the Technical Intern Training Program, has not fully taken effect. To be fully operational, the program will require the signing of a memorandum of cooperation between the justice, health, labor and foreign affairs authorities of Japan and their counterparts in countries that intend to dispatch technical interns under the program. The Philippines and Japan are yet to conclude such an agreement. It is expected that the said agreement will be completed within the year.

In the meantime, all concerned licensed landbased recruitment agencies are hereby directed not to undertake any recruitment of caregivers for Japan, not even for manpower pooling purposes. Any agency that undertakes recruitment of such nature will be considered to have violated this issuance and other pertinent provisions of the Revised Rules and Regulations Governing the Recruitment and Employment of Landbased Overseas Filipino Workers of 2016.

The POEA shall promulgate the appropriate issuance in due time or after the requirements of the new Japanese law and the 2016 POEA Rules have been satisfied.


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