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1,971 pass second Korean language test

The Philippines got the highest passing rate among other labor sending countries included in the Korea Employment System in the recently concluded Korean Language Test.

Administrator Rosalinda Dimapilis-Baldoz said out of the 2,803 applicants, 1,971 or 70.3 percent passed the Korean language examination given last November 27, 2005.

Baldoz said passing the Korean Language Test is now a requirement before an applicant can work in Korea under the new employment permit system. The International Korean Language Foundation (IKLF) conducts the test in coordination with the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration.

Baldoz said the result of the examination is now posted at the websites www.poea.gov.ph and www.glokorean.org. Applicants who passed the test are requested to submit their respective valid medical test result at the Manpower Registry Division, Ground Floor, POEA Building, Mandaluyong City.

The names of KLT passers will be automatically included in the Korea roster of foreign workers that will be available for selection by Korean employers.

In a related development, Baldoz said POEA has expanded its short messaging service to hasten the flow of information intended to the Korea EPS applicants.

According to Baldoz, applicants may send queries using the following syntax:

1. Verification of visa issuance:
POEA EPSV <FamilyName FirstName MiddleName>
- 2 Verification of status of application:
POEA EPSS <FamilyName FirstName MiddleName>
3. Verification of Korean Language Test Result:
POEA EPST <FamilyName FirstName MiddleName>
4. General Information on Korea EPS:
POEA EPSI <Query>

Text messages shall be sent to 2385 for Globe and 276 for Smart phones.

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