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CIDG-POEA AIR team scores anew on fight vs illegal recruiters

The joint team of the CIDG CMM-Criminal Investigation and Detection Team and the Operations and surveillance Division (OSD) of the Anti-illegal Recruitment Branch of POEA arrested recruiter Shellaine Monleon Manlapad during an entrapment operation last week.

Administrator Rosalinda Dimapilis-Baldoz said Malapad was apprehended while receiving the P5,000.00 entrapment money from her victim Malou Prado Digaoan at the office of Aroo International Recruitment Services, Inc. at 46 Unrubia St., Project 4, Quezon City. Malapad promised to deploy the victim as caretaker to Taiwan in exchange of P35,000.00 placement fee.

Upon inquest, State Prosecutor Lourdes R. Zapanta issued a resolution recommending the filing of information for illegal recruitment against Malapad. The preliminary investigation against the respondent was conducted on March 14, 2006 for large scale illegal recruitment and estafa, on the basis of complaints of Digaoan and other victims.

Before her arrest, Malapad conducts her recruitment activities at the office of Aroo International Recruitment Services, Inc. even if she is not an employee of the said company. Palapad was the former vice-president and general manager of CMS International Agency, which license was already cancelled by the POEA.

Malapad was included in the POEA List of Persons with derogatory record and was disqualified to engage in the business of recruitment and placement of overseas Filipino workers.

Baldoz encourages the public to report to the POEA or other law enforcement agencies illegal recruitment activities to stop them from further exploiting innocent victims. ###