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POEA partners with PESOs against illegal recruitment

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration is widening its network of partners in the government's campaign against illegal recruitment as it link with the Public Employment Services Offices (PESO) in various local government units nationwide.

Administrator Rosalinda Dimapilis-Baldoz said POEA is helping PESO managers improve their skills and competence in conveying to the public correct and timely information on overseas employment, including assistance to victims of illegal recruitment.

The worker education group of the POEA has conducted training of all PESO managers of the National Capital Region, Palawan and Bulacan. The training modules include: POEA services and procedures, realities of overseas employment, illegal recruitment (definition, modus operandi and how to avoid illegal recruitment), and country-specific information.

The POEA has existing partnership with the Philippine National Police, Department of Interior and Local Government and other non-government organizations in its fight against illegal recruiters.

In a related development, Baldoz commended the mayor of the City of Valenzuela for recognizing the need to educate Filipino workers and encouraging them to make use of licensed recruitment agencies in applying for overseas jobs. Recently, Mayor Sherwin T. Gatchalian has entered into a memorandum of agreement with the Overseas Placement Association of the Philippines (OPAP) for the deployment of his constituents using the services of the member agencies of the OPAP. By utilizing POEA licensed agencies, the citizens are not exposed to the abuses and exploitation of illegal recruiters.

Baldoz challenged all PESO managers to aggressively campaign in making their respective cities, provinces and municipalities "illegal recruitment free". ###