



NEWS ADVISORY

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100,000 jobs in Spain not yet available

Administrator Rosalinda Dimapilis-Baldoz said the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration was not accepting applications for jobs in Spain and the reported 100,000 jobs were not yet available pending the guidelines for the recruitment of Filipino workers for the said country.

Baldoz said there were no such job orders yet from employers in Spain except those from *Servicio De Prevencion De Riesgos Grupo Los Nogales* for the *proyecto piloto* or pilot project for caregivers. The foreign principal is represented in the Philippines by Sunace International Management Services. The job order was approved by the POEA on March 22, 2006.

The job order included vacancies for nurses, occupational and physical therapists, and caregivers. Sunace has deployed 56 caregivers to Spain as of today.

The Philippines and Spain have signed a memorandum of agreement allowing the entry of 100,000 Filipino workers into the latter's health sector during the state visit of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo last week.

With its graying population, Spain is expected to need one million foreign workers within the next five years.

Baldoz said jobseekers should wait for further announcements regarding the Spain jobs and cautioned them not to fall prey to illegal recruiters and other unscrupulous persons who may offer them work that are not yet available.

Baldoz also advised applicants to report to the POEA any persons who are recruiting for Spain without valid authorization or license. The POEA hotlines are 722-1144 and 722-1155.

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