



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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# **Canada province seeks Filipinos for SINP**

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration yesterday announced the coming visit to the Philippines of the minister of the Department of Advanced Education and Employment (DAEE) of Saskatchewan Province of Canada to finalize a memorandum of agreement that seeks to promote and strengthen areas of cooperation in the fields of labor, employment, and training between the two parties.

Administrator Rosalinda Dimapilis-Baldoz said the DAEE Minister Pat Atkinson is coming to establish the process for Filipino workers to immigrate to Saskatchewan under the Saskatchewan Immigration Nominee Program (SINP).

The SINP, which operates under an agreement with the federal government, can provide an alternate and quicker means of entry into Canada. This program allows Saskatchewan to nominate applicants, who qualify under criteria established by the province, to the federal government.

Baldoz said the proposed agreement will define the mechanism for the selection of employers, recruitment of Filipino workers, offers of employment, labor contracts, and training and protection of workers.

Minister Atkinson will arrive on Saturday, September 30 with Randy Boldt, Assistant Deputy Minister; and Heath Packman, Ministerial Assistant.

The visit includes a courtesy call on Labor Secretary Arturo D. Brion, and briefing on the programs and services of the POEA, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), and Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA). ###