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POEA warns teachers against Italy recruitment scam

POEA Administrator Rosalinda Dimapilis-Baldoz has cautioned teachers not to fall prey to a syndicate recruiting teachers for supposed high paying jobs in Italy.

Baldoz said the syndicate is luring ESL teachers for Avenir International School said to be based in Via De Lemene 40, Milan 20152 Italy, but is not listed in the directory of schools in Milan, and not accredited by the POEA to hire Filipino workers.

Baldoz added that the supposed job is being advertised through the internet job search website Best Job Philippines. The recruiter sends to job applicants copies of employment contracts and asks them to deposit US\$500 as a commitment fee through the Western Union.

Advertising for overseas employment is considered an act of recruitment which could only be done by entities lawfully authorized or licensed by the POEA. ###