



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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# **Victims arrests lady illegal recruiter in Pampanga**

Five applicants for overseas jobs last week led the arrest of an alleged illegal recruiter who duped some 88 persons in Floridablanca, Pampanga and nearby towns promising them of employment as factory workers in Taiwan.

POEA Administrator Rosalinda Dimapilis-Baldoz said the 5 victims peacefully took into custody Luzviminda Borja y Marcos of Calumpit, Bulacan and her live-in partner Reynato Yambao y Manalac while conducting orientation to prospective applicants in Floridablanca. The victims then sought the help of the POEA, and municipal officials and police authorities to officially detain Borja.

Baldoz said Borja was neither licensed nor authorized to engage in the business of recruiting overseas workers, and contrary to her claim, is not included in the roll of officers and employees of Fortune Trade International.

Upon inquest, Assistant Provincial Prosecutor Suzette G. Dalumpines found the existence of probable cause for the filing of the information for large scale illegal recruitment, recommending no bail and confirming her detention. The complaint of the other 88 victims is subject to the regular preliminary investigation.

Borja and Yambao are currently detained at the Guagua BJMP District jail. The continuation of the investigation has been set on November 27 when Borja and her co-respondent are expected to file counter-affidavits.

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