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POEA partners with LGUs against illegal recruitment

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) has succeeded in getting the nod of seven (7) local governments in the National Capital Region to become allies in its all out war against illegal recruitment, Administrator Rosalinda Dimapilis-Baldoz announced today .

Baldoz explained that successive forging of agreement with the city governments of Taguig, Valenzuela, Malabon, Mandaluyong, Las Piñas, Muntinlupa and Quezon City clinched this year's efforts in firming up the fight against illegal recruitment in Metro Manila.

The POEA chief further explained that the signing of memorandum of agreement has strengthened the drive against illegal recruiters since the agreement calls for the active participation of the concerned local government authorities in surveillance and investigation work, targeting establishments and entities suspected of engaging in illegal recruitment activities.

Under the accord, said city governments will investigate any illegal recruitment and recommend the issuance of closure and seizure order against establishment or entities found recruiting workers without authority coming from the POEA, she added.

The POEA chief further added that the Public Employment Service Office (PESO) of mentioned local government units (LGUs) has attended a comprehensive training in order to enhance their capabilities in handling the implementation of the program and equip them with tools and techniques in conducting the pre-employment orientation seminar.

She elaborated that the PEOS as a reinforcement of the preventive approach in the anti-illegal recruitment campaign program which is aimed in providing information on labor and employment conditions, harsh migration realities, anti-illegal recruitment practices among others to adequately prepare would-be overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) into making informed and intelligent decisions about overseas employment.

The POEA chief cited that for the coming new year, the other eight (8) local governments in the NCR - Pasay, Makati, Pasig, Marikina, Navotas, Pateros, San Juan and Manila - are expected to come into the circle of active crusaders against illegal recruitment.

With LGUs in the National Capital Region in tandem with the POEA in fighting illegal recruitment, the ripple effect is expected to come soon throughout the country, she concluded. ###