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### **Baldoz warns Korea EPS applicants against illegal recruiters**

POEA Administrator Rosalinda Dimapilis-Baldoz warns jobs applicants anew against falling prey to illegal recruiters who promise jobs in South Korea.

Baldoz said these recruiters convince their victims that they can get jobs in Korea even if they were over-aged and will not have to undergo the process of documentation under the Employment Permit System and Korean Language Test.

Some recruiters even offer their victims fake entry E-9 visa, employment contract and receipts in exchange of "processing fee" amounting from P50,000.00 to P100,000.00.

Baldoz further enjoins victims of this modus operandi to file formal complaints against the illegal recruiters at the POEA's Anti-Illegal Recruitment Branch for proper actions.

The administrator said that the POEA is the only government agency authorized to facilitate the deployment of Filipino workers to Korea under the Memorandum of Understanding between the governments of Korea and the Philippines.

The proper way of getting a job in Korea starts with registration at the POEA for the Korean Language Test (KLT) which is administered by the International Korean Language Foundation, a test agency authorized by the Ministry of Labor of Korea. Applicants must be at least a high school graduate, not more than 38 years old, with 2 years work experience if a high school graduate and 1 year experience if a college graduate. The applicant must be ready to take the Korean Language Test at the time of registration.

Applicants must pass the KLT and medical test before they can be included in the Korea-based official roster of workers where Korean employers select prospective workers. The selection of workers by the employers from the official roster is administered by the Human Resources Development Service of Korea and the Employment Stability Centers under the Korean Ministry of Labor.

Baldoz said the applicants must realize that not all names in the official roster may be selected by employers. Those who were selected are given employment visas. OFWs who have previously worked in Korea but with records of illegal acts or overstaying will not be given visas even if they were selected by employers.

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Muling nagbabala si POEA Administrator Rosalinda Baldoz sa mga nais magtrabaho sa South Korea ukol sa pagdami ng mga nagiging biktima ng illegal recruiter.

Pinapaalalahanan ang publiko na huwag pumatol sa mga iba't-ibang panloloko ng mga nagpapanggap na makapagpapaalis patungong Korea, sa kabila ng nga hadlang gaya nang kung overage na ang aplikante o kaya ay nais mapabilis ang pag-alis nang hindi na dadaan sa tamang proseso na pinatutupad ng POEA para sa Korean Employment Permit System (EPS), gaya nang hindi na pagkuha ng Korean language test (KLT).

Ang ilang illegal recruiter ay nagpapakita ng mga pekeng dokumento gaya ng entry E-9 visa, employment contract, at resibo kapalit ang halaga mula P50,000 to P70,000 at kung peak season daw ay hanggang P100,000.

Ang sinumang naging biktima ng ganitong modus-operandi ay hinihikayat ng POEA na magreklamo sa Anti-Illegal Recruitment Branch upang makagawa ng kaukulang aksyon laban sa mga nagsasamantalang illegal recruiter.

Makabubuting agad mag-verify sa POEA Information and Assistance Center (telepono bilang 7221144 at 7221155) kung mayroong mga kaduda-dudang tao na nag-aalok ng kanilang tulong upang makapagtrabaho sa bansang Korea.

Dapat maunawaan ng publiko na ang EPS ay programa sang-ayon sa kasunduan ng Gobyerno ng South Korea at ng Pilipinas. Tanging sa pamamagitan lamang ng POEA at mga awtorisadong tauhan nito maaaring mag-apply at makaalis upang magtrabaho ng legal sa South Korea.

Ang pag-a-apply sa EPS ay nag-uumpisa sa pagrehistro sa POEA para sa pagkuha ng Korean Language Test (KLT) na ibinibigay ng International Korean Language Foundation, ang awtorisadong test agency. Ang mga pasado sa KLT pati sa medical examination ang maaaring mapabilang sa Opisyal na Listahan na pagpipilian ng mga Korean employers. Pinapayuhan ang mga aplikante na tiyakin muna kung tumutugon sila sa mga kwalipikasyon gaya ng edad (di higit sa 38 taon), pinag-aralan (mula high school graduate), karanasan sa hanapbuhay (2 taon kung tapos ng high school, 1 taon kung tapos ng college) at handa nang kumuha ng KLT bago magparehistro. Ang pag-a-apply ay gagawing computerized simula ngayong 2007.

Ang pagpili ng mga employers mula sa Opisyal na Listahan ay pinangangasiwaan ng Human Resources Development Service of Korea (HRD) at Employment Stability Centers sa ilalim ng Korean Ministry of Labor. Dapat maging malinaw sa mga aplikante na kung sino lamang ang mapipili ng employers at mapagkakalooban ng visa ang makapagtrabaho sa ilalim ng EPS. Hindi lahat ng nasa Opisyal na Listahan ay napipili.

Kaya pinapayuhan din ang mga dating nagtrabaho sa Korea na siguraduhing wala silang illegal o overstaying immigration record sapagkat hindi rin sila mabibigyan ng entry visa sa kabila nang sila ay napili ng employers. ###