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Baldoz clarifies “deployment of 20,000 DHs”

Administrator Rosalinda Dimapilis-Baldoz yesterday said that when the reforms on the deployment of Filipino household service workers were passed by the POEA Governing Board, it was clear that the new policies will not jeopardize existing contracts between the Filipino workers and their foreign employers verified as of December 16, 2006.

Baldoz said POEA allowed the processing of the documents of some 20,000 Filipino household service workers because the contracts were already signed even before the implementation of the new policy on domestic helpers and these accounts are covered by the board resolution for processing during the transition period up to March 1, 2007.

“The Board allowed the deployment of these workers but not in accommodation to the requests of recruitment agencies”, Baldoz added.

Baldoz said the exemption for these accounts was for the new age and salary requirement only but the required training, skills certification, and language and culture seminar were to be imposed.

POEA will fully implement the policy after March 1, 2007, Baldoz added.

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