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Oman job orders increase, shifts from household to technical and service workers

POEA Administrator Rosalinda Dimapilis-Baldoz said there are now signs of positive effects of the reform package for Filipino household workers in the quality of Filipino manpower required by foreign employers.

Baldoz cited the Gulf state of Oman where requests for supply of Filipino workers have increased and have shifted from domestic helpers to services and technical workers.

Labor Attaché Romeo A. Young reported that the Philippine Overseas Labor Office in Oman verified at least 25 job orders during the first quarter of 2007, a significant increase from 18 job orders for the same period last year. The job orders would likely benefit some 4,234 Filipino workers.

Young said requests for household workers were down to a low of 15 percent of the total job orders for first quarter 2007 from 60 percent in January to March 2006.

Citing the report, Baldoz said the bulk or 52 percent of the demand now were on service industry workers like sales persons, waiters and waitresses, beauticians, building workers; and 16 percent from the engineering and construction industry sector.

Baldoz said she anticipates the shift in the quality of manpower demand in the Middle East, not only because of the implementation of the reform package for Filipino household service workers but also of the development of the tourism, oil and industry sectors in the region. ###