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**NEWS RELEASE** 

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Saudi Ministry of Health needs 5,000 female nurses

Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Health and Hospital Operations Program (MOH-

HOP) through the Saudi Recruitment Office in Makati City has reiterated its

recruitment order to the POEA for female nurses, including other skills for

hospital operations in the Kingdom.

The Saudi MOH has been POEA's long-running government employer and

hired around 86,000 OFWs in a span of 30 years.

This year, the demand for 5,000 female nurses is more urgent requiring

POEA to hold nationwide registration in search of qualified applicants

through the POEA-DOLE regional offices.

Not enough nurse applicants have turned in for the targeted interview in

Mindanao Region this month so additional applicants are needed to proceed

with the interview of employer representatives by August. At least 300-500

Muslim nurses for assignment in the Holy Cities of Makkah and Medina are

specified for hiring. They may qualify even without passing the nursing

licensure examination.

However, only those aged at least 21 years old may apply. Those who do

not have hospital experience yet may qualify under the entry level

employment offer and are entitled to on-the-job training of the MOH.

Likewise, recent nursing licensure exam passers are invited to apply with

the POEA for a no-placement fee hiring for MOH. ###

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