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LGUs support campaign against illegal recruiters

More local government units are joining the band-wagon in the campaign to clear their respective communities of illegal recruiters, the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration reported recently.

Administrator Rosalinda Dimapilis-Baldoz said twelve (12) local government units have signed memorandum of agreements with the POEA which call for active participation of the concerned local government authorities in surveillance and investigation work, targeting establishments and entities suspected of engaging in illegal recruitment activities.

Baldoz identified the new LGU-partners as Appari; Bacolod City; Butuan City; Batangas City; Pagadian City; San Isidro, Nueva Ecija; San Pablo City, Pampanga; Palayan City,; Cabanatuan City; and Science City of Munoz also of Nueva Ecija.

Under the agreement, LGUs 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, Baldoz added.

The POEA has previously signed similar agreements with seven (7) city governments in National Capital Region including Quezon City, Taguig, Valenzuela, Mandaluyong, Malabon, Las Pinas and Muntinlupa.

Baldoz added that in 2007 the POEA facilitated the arrest of 26 suspected illegal recruiters in cooperation with the NBI and PNP-CIDD and conducted 147 surveillance operations which resulted to the closure of nine (9) illegal recruitment establishments confirmed to be engaged in illegal recruitment.

POEA assisted the filing of 301 IR cases for preliminary investigation, a 100.3% accomplishment against the annual target of 300 and provided assistance to 4,347 complainants in the filing of administrative complaints for pre-employment and recruitment violations against licensed agencies. ###