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Filipino nurses in Saudi get salary increase

The Ministry of Health (MOH) in Saudi Arabia has recently approved the increase of salary for Filipino nurses.

Administrator Rosalinda Dimapilis-Baldoz said that effective March 19, 2008, depending on the area of specialization, Filipino nurses employed by the Saudi Ministry of Health shall enjoy a 20% – 60% increase in salary. The present salary of nurses in MOH ranges from SR2,250 to SR4,000.

Mr. Fahad Al-Msaibeeh, Employment Attache of the KSA Embassy in Manila disclosed that the increase in salary applies only to Filipino nurses and not to all foreign nurses hired by the MOH-KSA.

Baldoz lauded the decision of the Saudi government, which she said is an indication of the continuing preference of the said country for nurses coming from the Philippines.

A delegation from the MOH is presently conducting the interview of nurses until 12 March 2008. Qualified applicants can register at the POEA for immediate endorsement to the Saudi Recruitment Office and interview by the delegation.

The MOH remains to be among the top employers of Filipino nurses in Saudi Arabia, providing employment opportunities to even those without work experience.