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## **Illegal recruiter posing as POEA employee arrested**

A combined POEA-PNP-CIGD operatives recently nabbed a suspected illegal recruiter who has been introducing herself to her victims as an employee of the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration.

Administrator Rosalinda Dimapilis-Baldoz identified the suspect as Ma. Arleth Bongalon Buenconsejo who promised her victims sure jobs in South Korea even without taking the Korean Language Test (KLT) because she is a POEA employee and has internal access to the office of the Administrator.

Baldoz said Buenconsejo is not an employee of the POEA and has no license or authority to recruit Filipino workers for overseas jobs.

Four of her victims sought the assistance of the POEA for the arrest of Buenconsejo when the promise of deployment to Korea did not push through, and after paying more than Php100,000.00 each.

An entrapment operation was arranged the POEA with PNP-CIDG when the recruiter demanded additional Php25,000 from each of the four applicants.

Buenconsejo was apprehended after receiving marked money from, and issuing an acknowledgement receipt to one of her victims inside a coffee shop in a mall in Ortigas Center, Pasig City.

Baldoz requested all victims of Buenconsejo to come forward and file illegal recruitment cases against the suspect who is now jailed at PNP detention cell in Camp Crame, Quezon City.

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