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## **Canadian labor minister coming to Manila**

Minister Rob Norris of Saskatchewan's Ministry of Advance Education, Employment and Labour and delegation arrive in Manila on May 24 to present to the Philippine government more employment opportunities in Saskatchewan that are available to foreign workers including Filipinos.

As the Minister responsible for immigration, Norris seeks to address the province's immigration programs aimed at meeting the increasing demand for skilled labor.

During his meeting with Philippine government officials, Minister Norris will focus his discussion on the economic strength of Saskatchewan, highlighting their relationship with the Philippines and how its expanding economy offers excellent potential for long-term business and investment partnerships.

The delegation of Minister Rob Norris, which includes Mary Donlevy-Konkin, Ministerial Assistant, and Eric Johansen, Director of Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program, are scheduled to meet with DOLE Acting Secretary Marianito D. Roque, officials of other government agencies like the POEA, OWWA, TESDA, CHED, and officers of the Philippine Association of Private Schools, Colleges and Universities.

According to POEA Administrator Rosalinda Dimapilis-Baldoz, Saskatchewan was the first province of Canada that signed a memorandum of understanding with the Philippine labor department on the hiring of professionals and skilled workers.

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