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FAST AND EASY INTERNET ACCESS FOR OVERSEAS JOB SEARCH THRU POEA TIE UP WITH TOP INTERNET CAFÉ

POEA Administrator Jennifer Jardin-Manalili announced that OFWs and those in search of overseas jobs will get a boost with the recent partnership to be inked between POEA and Digital Paradise, Inc., owner of Netopia chain of internet cafes through the country, in time for the celebration of Migrant Workers Day on 8 June 2009.

With as low as P25 an hour or equivalent amount of actual browsing time used to visit POEA website, OFWs and prospective OE applicants can easily check the list of licensed agencies, approved job orders and related OFW advisories. This move is in support of the continuing campaign to facilitate access to reliable information on overseas employment and reduce incidence of illegal recruitment and human trafficking which is also being perpetrated using the cyber technology.

Netopia has 143 internet cafes which are conveniently located in key cities nationwide and affords its customers with a comfortable and secure environment while doing their job and related searches online. With such arrangement, Netopia joins one the entities under the socalled POEA Partners in Anti-Illegal Recruitment or PAIR.

Administrator Manalili encourages interested people to always check with POEA through its online facilities, the POEA Information Center or its regional offices when wishing to apply for jobs abroad to be sure if the agencies and employers are legitimate. ###