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POEA extends balik-manggagawa services

Administrator Jennifer Jardin-Manalili said the POEA Balik-manggagawa Processing Center in the POEA main office in Ortigas shall be open on December 26, 2009 (Saturday) and December 30, 2009 (Rizal Day) from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 pm. in anticipation of the influx of OFWs after Christmas Day.

Manalili said returning OFWs who are in the provinces may also have their exit clearance processed at the POEA regional offices but only during regular work days. The POEA regional offices are located in San Fernando City, La Union; Baguio City; Clark Field, Pampanga; Calamba City; Legaspi City; Tacloban City; Cebu City; Iloilo City; Bacolod City; Davao City; Cagayan de Oro City; Cagayan de Oro City; and Zamboanga City.

Manalili said OFWs should present their valid passports, working permits and other relevant employment documents for verification by POEA officers.

A worker-on-leave or balik-manggagawa refers to an OFW who is on vacation or on leave and is returning to the same employer. The following are also considered as worker-on-leave: a) OFWs who will join/return to the same employer who has transferred to another jobsite b) OFWs who have partially served their present employer c) Undocumented OFWs (tourists, dependents, students, businessman) who became OFWs and have partially served the same employer.

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