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Job Vacancies under 2nd year of JPEPA

Even as the economy of Japan is still trying to recover from the global financial crisis, the entry of Filipino candidate-nurses and caregivers continues on its second year of implementation, under the Economic Partnership Agreement between the two countries.

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA), which implements this component of the JPEPA, was recently informed by its counterpart agency, the Japan International Corporation of Welfare Services (JICWELS), that there are 162 job vacancies (63 for nurses and 99 for caregivers) from 75 Japanese health and caregiving institutions.

Screening of employers by JICWELS is ongoing to determine the final number of job vacancies. On its part, POEA prepares for notification of qualified applicants for interview by early February 2010. Applicants will be drawn from those who have registered through the online manpower registration system of the POEA, which is accessible at www.poea.gov.ph.

Candidate-nurses to be hired shall first complete a six-month onsite Japanese language training and thereafter undergo on-the-job training at their respective hospitals. They should be able to pass the licensure examination in Japan before they can work as registered nurses. They have three chances to take the nursing licensure examination.

Candidate-caregivers, on the other hand, shall initially complete a six-month onsite language training and work on-the-job for at least three years before they can take the national examination for caregivers to be able to work in Japan indefinitely. ###