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TOP SKILLS FOR OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT IN 2009

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) yesterday reported that the skills most in demand in the overseas labor market in 2009 were household service workers, nurses, production and related workers, caregivers, wiremen, electrical and related workers, welders, flame cutters and related workers, charworkers, cleaners and related workers, cooks and related workers, laborers, general workers and plumbers, pipefitters and related workers and seafarers.

According to the report, Saudi Arabia showed the highest demand for Filipino nurses in 2009, followed by UAE, Singapore, Kuwait and the United Kingdom. Other top destinations for nurses during the last five years have been the US, Qatar, Taiwan, Ireland and Trinidad and Tobago, although the US current policy on visa retrogression has limited the demand for Filipino nurses.

Taiwan was the top destination for production workers despite a slight dip in 2009 for workers in the semi-conductor, metal workers and electronics sectors. Other countries that depend on the Philippines for production and related workers are Qatar, Oman, Kuwait, South Korea, Canada, Malaysia and Brunei.

Demand for caregivers and caretakers was highest in Taiwan, Israel and the United Kingdom in 2009. Israel, however, has implemented an ongoing legalization program that might slow down the deployment of caregivers to Israel this year. ###