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6,500 EPS-KLT APPLICANTS TO TAKE KOREAN LANGUAGE TEST ON MAY 2

Some 6,500 worker-applicants are expected to turn out to take the requisite Korean Language Test (KLT) on May 2, in order to qualify for the Employment Permit System (EPS) of Korea. HRD Korea, the official Test Agency will administer the test in the county, in coordination with the POEA.

Administrator Jennifer Jardin Manalili has announced the five (5) test venues in Manila, Pampanga, Baguio, Cebu and Davao. These areas were also the EPS-KLT registration sites where applicants obtained their test permits last April 6 to 8.

The exams will be held simultaneously at the University of the East-Recto, University of Assumption-San Fernando, Pampanga, University of Baguio, Cebu Normal University and Ateneo de Davao.

All qualified examinees are advised to come early to their respective test sites (not later than 8 in the morning). They need to bring with them their test permits, black ball pens, and valid identification cards or passports so they can be admitted inside the test rooms.

5,000 slots in the manufacturing sector are available for inclusion in the EPS Roster of Jobseekers. These slots are for those who can score at least 80 points and above and are in the top 5,000 test passers. Results of the KLT shall be released within the month of May. Applicants who pass the exams need to submit their medical certifications to the POEA to be part of the said Roster.

It is reiterated that inclusion in the EPS' electronic list is not a guarantee for employment. The applicants will only be given the opportunity to be selected or offered an employment by Korean employers.

The government-to-government program of Employment Permit System of Korea ensures that the costs to be shouldered by applicant-workers are very transparent and based on a mutually agreed upon schedule of expenses.