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## DOLE-POEA HONORS TOP RECRUITMENT AGENCIES

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration is set to confer today awards to thirty seven (37) select licensed landbased and seabased agencies for their outstanding performance in the overseas employment industry in fitting ceremonies to be held at the Philippine International Convention Center.

POEA Administrator Jennifer Jardin-Manalili disclosed that the 2009 Agency Performance Awards is a milestone in the more than two decades of the overseas employment program as it conferred for the first time the Presidential Award of Excellence to thirteen (13) agencies who were given honors by President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo at Malacanan Palace on April 21. The Presidential Awards of Excellence, created by virtue of Proclamation No. 1519 signed in May 2008, are granted to agencies for having been recipients of Awards of Excellence for at least five (5) times and among the selected awardees for the same category during the evaluation period from 2005 to 2009.

Considered the cream of the crop in the recruitment industry, the presidential awardees comprise only one percent of the 1,336 total number of licensed agencies as of March 2010, Manalili said. The POEA Chief identified the nine (9) awardees from the seabased sector, and four (4) from the landbased sector as BSM CREW SERVICE CENTRE PHILIPPINES, INC., CAREER PHILIPPINES SHIPMANAGEMENT, INC., INTER-ORIENT MARITIME ENTERPRISES, INC., JEBSENS MARITIME, INC., MAGSAYSAY MARITIME CORPORATION, NYK-FILSHIP MANAGEMENT, INC., PHILIPPINE TRANSMARINE CARRIERS, INC., STOLT-NIELSEN PHILIPPINES, INC., WALLEM MARITIME SERVICES, INC., EEI CORPORATION, INDUSTRIAL PERSONNEL & MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC., MANPOWER RESOURCES OF ASIA, INC., and OMANFIL INTERNATIONAL MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

On the other hand, the five (5) recipients for the Awards of Excellence are four seabased agencies, CF SHARP CREW MANAGEMENT, INC., MAGSAYSAY MITSUI O.S.K. MARINE, INC., OSM MARITIME SERVICES, INC., SEA POWER SHIPPING ENTERPRISES, INC. and one (1) landbased agency, INTERNATIONAL SKILL DEVELOPMENT INC.

The nineteen (19) Top Performer awardees are composed of BLUE MANILA INC., BRIGHT MARITIME CORPORATION, CROSSWORLD MARINE SERVICES, INC., DOHLE-PHILMAN MANNING AGENCY INC., INC. NAVIGATION COMPANY PHILIPPINES, INC., MAERSK-FILIPINAS CREWING INC., MARLOW NAVIGATION PHILS. INC., MST MARINE SERVICES (PHILS.) INC., NORTH SEA MARINE SERVICES CORP., SCANMAR MARITIME SERVICES, INC., ABBA PERSONNEL SERVICES, INC., ALL-PRO STAFFING & CONSULTING SERVICES, FRANCE ASIA INTERNATIONAL INC., GRAND PLACEMENT & GENERAL SERVICES CORP., LWV CORPORATION, STAFFHOUSE INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES, UNITED GLOBAL MANPOWER RESOURCES, INC., Y HMD INTERNATIONAL MANPOWER SERVICES, INC., YWA HUMAN RESOURCE CORPORATION.

Labor and Employment Secretary Marianito D. Roque hailed the awardees for their valuable contribution to the betterment of the lives of many overseas Filipino workers, the excellent, professional and ethical conduct of their business affairs, and their steadfast resolve to help keep our economy afloat.

Although most awardees have previously been recipients of the honors, the 37 agencies, representing three percent (3%) of the total number of licensed recruitment agencies, have continuously proven worthy of emulation by the very sector they represent, Roque added.

Manalili further cited that the awardees were evaluated on the basis of the following criteria: volume and quality of deployment, technical capability, compliance with recruitment rules and regulations, welfare programs and allied services and human resources development plan, industry leadership, marketing capability, social awareness and responsibility.

The Top Performers and Awardees of Excellence will receive trophies for their accomplishments while each of the Presidential Awardee will be awarded tri-colored sash representing the colors of the POEA that distinguish them as the elite group from among the awardees. The awardees also get to enjoy a package of incentives that include extension of validity of licenses, exemption from authentication/verification by the Philippine Embassy/ Philippine Overseas Labor Office, and other perks depending on their awards category.