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POEA SUSPENDS AGENCIES FOR RECRUITMENT VIOLATIONS

In its bid to further strengthen its campaign against illegal recruitment, the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) issued a number of orders of preventive suspension versus big licensed recruitment agencies, POEA Administrator Jennifer Jardin-Manalili, announced today.

Manalili said that the recruitment violations incurred by the licensed recruitment agencies consist of excessive collection of allowable fees to charging of fees without the issuance of an appropriate receipt.

For violating POEA Rules, the following agencies were preventively suspended: Prime Stars International Promotion Corporation, Friendship International Manpower Services, Inc. and Warwick International Recruitment Agencies Philippines, Inc.

In line with President Benigno Aquino III's directive to POEA to intensify its efforts to safeguard the welfare and to protect overseas Filipino workers, the POEA will continue to pursue and enhance its workers education program and anti-illegal recruitment campaign so applicants are more informed and safeguarded against the nefarious activities of illegal recruiters and traffickers, Manalili added.

To avoid being victimized by illegal recruiters, would-be migrant workers are advised to equip themselves with important information on overseas employment by seeking clarifications from the POEA. Applicant-workers are encouraged to attend Pre-Employment Orientation Seminars (PEOS) at the POEA Home Office or its regional offices which are given free of charge, or visit its website at www.poea.gov.ph, or call hotlines - 722-1144 and 722-1155, Administrator Manalili concluded. 30