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Filipino entertainers going to Cyprus beware

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration warns women applicants against accepting offers of work as entertainers in Cyprus.

POEA Administrator Jennifer Jardin-Manalili said some nightclubs in Cyprus are hiring legitimate Filipino entertainers but force them to work as prostitutes.

The Philippine Embassy in Athens reported cases of Filipino entertainers who were beaten and forced to do sex services to customers of night clubs where they were hired to perform as dancers and singers.

The Cyprus Ministry of Labor and Social Insurance issues "entertainer entry visa" to foreigners but Filipina entertainers are being deployed illegally by escort service syndicates because of an existing suspension of deployment of entertainers to Cyprus by virtue of POEA Memorandum Circular No. 33, Series of 1988.

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