



News Release

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POEA cancels license of recruiter for Taiwan

Administrator Hans Leo J. Cacdac yesterday issued an order cancelling the license of Jade Jobwell Philippines, Inc. which was found to have violated the POEA rules on placement fee, non-issuance of appropriate receipt, and misrepresentation.

Cacdac said Jade Jobwell Philippines, Inc. failed to deploy six of its applicants to Taiwan after collecting excessive placement fees from them.

The complainants alleged in their sworn statements that Jade Jobwell required them to pay Php160,000 each for employment in Taiwan. They were able to pay amounts ranging from Php40,000 to Php60,000 to the recruitment agency but were not issued receipts corresponding to the amounts they paid.

Cacdac said the allowable placement fee is the amount equivalent to the worker's one month salary as specified in the signed contract. The prevailing salary of a factory worker in Taiwan is NT\$17,880 or roughly equivalent to Php27,000.

The agency also collected placement fee from an applicant for the position of caretaker which falls under the category of household worker. POEA Governing Board No. 6, Series of 2006 prohibits recruitment agencies from charging or collecting placement fees from HSW applicants.

The applicants filed their complaints with the POEA after Jade Jobwell failed to refund their placement fees which they demanded when the agency did not make its promise of deployment to Taiwan after the lapse of six months.

In the cancellation orders, Cacdac said the officers and directors of Jade Jobwell Philippines, at the time of the commission of the offenses, were disqualified to engage in the business of recruitment for overseas employment.

The agency and its surety companies were also ordered to refund the amounts collected from the complainants and return the passports and other employment documents of the applicants that are in their possession as soon as possible. /END