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Registration of applicants for Korean language test set

The Human Resources Development Service of Korea (HRD-Korea), in coordination with the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA), is conducting from 21 to 25 April 2014 the registration for the 10th Test of Proficiency in Korean (TOPIK) for Filipino job seekers who want to work in Korea under the Employment Permit System (EPS).

POEA Administrator Hans Leo J. Cacdac said applicants for TOPIK registration must be between 18 and 38 years of age or those born between April 21, 1976 and April 21, 1996. They must not have any record of deportation or departure orders from the Republic of Korea and must not be restricted from leaving the Philippines.

Cacdac said applicants must personally register for the test and must have a valid passport on the day of registration. HRD Korea is implementing a "no valid passport, no registration" policy.

In the guidelines issued by HRD Korea, only applicants with valid passport will be allowed to register for the test to avoid discrepancy in their personal information later on.

They should also bring to the registration venue photocopy of their respective passport, 2 pieces passport size pictures taken within the last three months, and PhP1,066 for testing fee.

Cacdac reminded applicants that inclusion in the EPS roster after passing the TOPIK and the medical examination requirement is not a guarantee for employment in South Korea.

He clarified that as agreed upon by HRD-Korea and POEA, only male applicants who responded to the online survey can register for the next TOPIK.

"A big number of female applicants in the EPS Roster remains to be without employer and yet the demand for them by Korean employers is still very low, hence the temporary exclusion of female applicants from taking the language test," Cacdac said. /end