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POEA padlocks recruiter's office

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration recently closed down the office of a recruitment agency which was found operating without a valid license or authority from the Administration.

A composite team from the POEA Anti-Illegal Recruitment Branch and PNP-Manila Police District in Malate implemented the closure order issued by Administrator Hans Leo J. Cacdac against Helper-In Employment Center located at Room 201, 2nd Floor Ester Building, 1945 Taft Avenue, Malate, Manila.

Cacdac said Helper-In Employment Center was reported to have been recruiting domestic workers for Hong Kong and was forwarding the applicants' papers to SBEE International Inc., a POEA-licensed agency, for processing.

Helper-In Employment Center is allegedly owned by a certain Lorna De Dios, the incumbent vice-president of SBEE International Inc.

Cacdac said the POEA's Prosecution Division is filing illegal recruitment cases against De Dios and five employees of Helper-In Employment Center, and the names of its officers and employees will be included in the POEA List of Persons with Derogatory Record.

The POEA is filing separate recruitment violation cases against SBEE International Inc., Cacdac added. /END