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## **POEA Marks Migrant Workers Day with OFWs**

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration will celebrate Migrant Workers Day by extending welfare and health services and livelihood assistance to overseas Filipino workers who will visit the POEA office in Mandaluyong City on Friday, June 6, 2014.

Administrator Hans Leo J. Cacdac said that with the theme "Magkasangga Para sa Kapakanan, Kabuhayan at Kalusugan ng OFW", this year's celebration will highlight the collaborative efforts among government and private stakeholders of overseas employment in providing these services to the workers.

"As part of the government's health awareness campaign and with OWWA, DOH, recruitment agencies and medical clinics associations cooperating with the POEA, visitors may avail of free polio vaccine, medical consultation, medicine and vitamins during the day", Cacdac said.

Attached agencies of the Department of Labor and Employment, including TESDA, OWWA and PRC, and other government agencies like Philhealth, SSS, and Pag-ibig will provide information on their respective programs and services. POEA lawyers will offer legal assistance.

OWWA's National Reintegration Center for OFWs (NRCO) will showcase its livelihood and entrepreneurship programs and services to overseas Filipino workers returning permanently to the Philippines.

TESDA will have demonstrations on skills that interested workers can acquire through its accredited technical vocational institutions (TVIs).

The POEA will also activate the new queuing system installed at the Balik-Manggagawa Processing Center.

Other highlights of the celebration are the following: unveiling of the mural at the POEA perimeter wall that was designed and painted by member artists of Teach Peace, Build Peace Movement; showing of pre-employment orientation video; and the introduction of the POEA mobile app.

Partners from the private sector will provide raffle prizes, free snacks, and tokens/souvenir items to guests and transacting OFWs.

Some of the above mentioned activities will be duplicated in the regional and provincial offices of the POEA. /END