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Two Filipina nurses qualify in Germany under PH-Germany Triple Win Migration Project

Two Filipinos, Krystel Anne B. Sumido and Eowyn C. Galvez, have achieved the record of being the first Filipino nurses who have passed as Qualified Nurses (Gesundheits-und Krankenpflegerin) under the Triple Win Project of the Philippines and Germany, bringing the number of nurses employed under the program to 27.

Labor and Employment Secretary announced this yesterday after the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration, the secretariat of the Triple Win Project, reported that the two passed their recognition examination in Frankfurt, Germany.

"This is a happy development," Baldoz said.

"The future of Filipino nurses in Germany looks bright with the initial success of Misses Sumido and Galvez, who were hired under the Triple Win Project through the POEA," said Baldoz.

In the report, POEA Administrator Hans Leo J. Cacdac said other nurses deployed to Germany through Triple Win will have their respective chances to take the recognition examination, after initially passing the German TELC test (The European Language Certificates).

"The three nurses who took the TELC test have already passed, or a 100 percent success rate," Cacdac said.

There are now 225 nurses under the program, 70 of whom are in language class A1 and A2; 102 nurses due for language classes; four (4) nurses with B1 (or language skills) waiting for employers; and eight (8) nurses with B1 waiting to be deployed. There are 16 nurses who backed out, reducing the number of nurses in active status to 209.

Starting last December 2013, a total of 25 Filipino nurses have been hired under the government-to-government migration program to work in three hospitals in Frankfurt and Tuebingen, Germany.

The Triple Win Project started in March 2013 after Germany's Federal Employment Agency (BA) and the Philippines's Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) signed a bilateral agreement on the project.

Baldoz said the Triple Win Project has apparently found the formula for its success through an arrangement which involves the state parties, wherein the BA's International Placement Services (ZAV) recruits hospital employers willing to support Filipino candidates, while the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ) is responsible for preparing the nurses to be deployed and providing integration services and monitoring of candidates onsite.

On the other hand, the DOLE, through the POEA, recruits and deploys qualified nurses whose immediate goal is to fulfil their requirements for recognition and German language proficiency level required by the respective federal state policies.

The Federal Republic of Germany consists of 16 states with different requirements on recognition and the German language test.

Cacdac informed Secretary Baldoz that a Joint Working Committee for the project will convene this year to discuss new developments and cooperation to boost the migration program.

"The challenge at hand is getting other qualified employers who can sustain the benchmark that has been established by the hospitals which started participating in Triple Win. BA/ZAV and GIZ are looking for more employers who are similarly willing to invest on foreign nurses and pay for the costs involved in order to facilitate the nurses' study of the German language in order to be deployed," he said.

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