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Recruiter suspended for fake household workers' pre-departure education certificates

Administrator Hans Leo J. Cacdac has ordered the preventive suspension of Brent Overseas Personnel Inc. for submitting to the POEA inauthentic Comprehensive Pre-Departure Education Program (CPDEP) certificates.

Cacdac said Brent Overseas Personnel Inc. presented for processing by the POEA's Land-based Center documents of nine household service workers (HSWS) including their respective CPDEP certificates which turned out to be not authentic

"The certificates have no security features and the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) had confirmed that it does not have any record of training completed by the subject HSWs," Cacdac said.

Managed by the OWWA, the Comprehensive Pre-Departure Education Program (CPDEP) is a 3-6 day seminar specific to migrant household service workers. It includes the compulsory pre-departure orientation seminar (PDOS), basic life support and first aid, stress management, and country specific language and culture training.

Cacdac said the agency, by submitting false information or documents in relation to the employment of the nine HSWs, had committed acts of misrepresentation. This deception or falsehood practised by the erring recruiter is highly deplorable, Cacdac asserted.

Cacdac said he issued the order of preventive suspension against the agency on the basis of the official report of the Land-based Center and the confirmation from OWWA on the non-existence of record involving the nine CEDEPs in question.

"The evidence of guilt is strong and that there exist reasonable grounds to believe that the continued operation of Brent Overseas Personnel Inc. will result to further violation and exploitation of the workers being recruited," Cacdac said in his order. /END