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## **POEA places HK recruiter under preventive suspension**

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration has ordered the preventive suspension of Helper In Employment Center, a placement agency based in Hong Kong for gross violation of Philippine laws on overseas employment.

POEA administrator Hans Leo J. Cacdac said Helper In Employment Center was found to have been engaged in illegal recruitment activities in the Philippines -- hiring Filipino workers through a branch operating without the necessary license or authority.

Cacdac said POEA operatives has padlocked last year the Philippine office of Helper In-Employment Center which was located at Room 201, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Ester Building, 1945 Taft Avenue, Malate, Manila.

Helper-In Employment Center was reported to have been recruiting household service workers for Hong Kong and was forwarding the applicants' papers to SBEE International Inc., a POEA-licensed agency, for processing. It was allegedly managed by a certain Lorna De Dios, vice-president of SBEE International Inc.

With the order of preventive suspension in effect, Helper In Employment Center in Hong Kong was barred from recruiting Filipino HSWs through any of its accredited licensed recruitment agencies in the Philippines.

Cacdac said the POEA has filed illegal recruitment cases against De Dios and five employees of Helper-In Employment Center in Manila. Separate recruitment violation cases were also filed against SBEE International Inc.  
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