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Applicants for New Zealand jobs arrest recruiter

Seven applicants for construction and farming jobs in New Zealand yesterday arrested their alleged recruiter at the premises of the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration.

Deputy Administrator and POEA officer-in-charge Liberty T. Casco said the applicants caused the arrest of their recruiter, a certain Cornelio Draniel Molina, when they found out that he has no authority to recruit Filipino workers for overseas jobs.

Molina allegedly promised the applicants sure employment in New Zealand for the position of welder, driver, and animal technicians through the direct hire scheme and charged them Php35,000.00 to Php40,000.00 each for placement and medical examination fees.

The applicants said Molina instructed them to go to the POEA office in Mandaluyong City for their supposed pre-departure orientation seminar or PDOS.

Casco said Molina collected the applicants' original documents such as passport, NBI, Police Clearance, TOR, Birth Certificate, Marriage Contract and Certificate of Employment purportedly for documents processing and visa stamping.

The applicants said Molina gave them New Zealand work visas, which they later verified as fake.

The victims sought the assistance of the Anti-Illegal Recruitment Branch of the POEA which coordinated with the PNP-CIDG-ATCU for preparation for inquest proceedings.

Deputy Administrator Casco reminded Filipino workers who are interested to find jobs in New Zealand to apply only with licensed recruitment agencies that have job orders approved by the POEA. /END