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PH-New Zealand agree on no-placement fee policy

Administrator Hans Leo J, Cacdac said Filipino applicants for jobs in New Zealand will not have to pay placement fees with the implementation of the labor cooperation agreement recently signed by the governments of New Zealand and the Philippines.

Cacdac said the prohibition on collection of placement fee by recruitment agencies is one of the most important features of the labor agreement.

“Finally, after months of talks and negotiations, the New Zealand side has agreed that employers and their recruiters should pay for the recruitment of workers from the Philippines,” Cacdac said.

Cacdac said Labor Secretary Rosalinda Dimapilis-Baldoz has already ordered the convening of technical panels to work on the details of the “Arrangement on the Principles and Controls on the Recruitment and Protection of Filipino Workers in New Zealand” with focus on no-placement fee policy, schedule of fees, standard employment contract, verification, and dispute settlement.

Secretary Baldoz and New Zealand Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety Michel Woodhouse signed the landmark labor cooperation agreement in Wellington.

The Secretary said the new agreement will certainly boost and enhance the economic and socio-cultural ties between the Philippines and New Zealand, explaining that the agreement eliminates high placement fees and document fraud that have been the bane for workers intending to work in New Zealand.

“Two countries working together to eliminate costly job placement and other recruitment-related fees, illegal recruitment and human trafficking, document fraud and fake training and qualifications credentials will make a strong case for a model bilateral arrangement for other sending and receiving countries to emulate,” she said. END