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Travel agencies are not allowed to recruit OFWs

Administrator Hans Leo J. Cacdac of the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration yesterday advised job applicants to ignore overseas jobs offered by travel agencies because they are not allowed to recruit overseas Filipino workers.

Recently, officers of the POEA and Philippine National Police Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (PNP-CIDG) PNP shut down the office of Gemille Travel and Tours which was found to have been illegally recruiting workers for supposed jobs in the Netherlands.

Cacdac said the travel agency was recruiting bellboys, waiters, service crew, receptionists, and room attendants and charges them 120,000 pesos to 150, 000 pesos as payment for placement and processing fees.

Gemille Travel and Tours which is located at the Ground Floor of Joncor Building in A. Mabini St., Ermita, Manila and allegedly owned by a certain Jocelyn D. Hafiz Ismael was primarily engaged in holiday travel booking.

Cacdac said two of the travel agency's employees were caught accepting employment and travel documents from its applicants. The POEA has filed cases of illegal recruitment against the travel agency's owner and staffs.

He advised applicants to validate the authenticity of job offers with the POEA through its verification system at poea.gov.ph, hotlines 7221144 and 7221155; POEA Mobile Phone Application (downloadable via Google Play or App Store); Facebook and Twitter accounts; or visit its offices in Manila and the provinces.