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POEA administrator hails signing of executive order on FOI

Administrator Hans Leo J. Cacdac yesterday said the Philippine Overseas Administration (POEA) welcomes the signing of the Executive Order on freedom of expression by President Rodrigo R. Duterte on July 24.

Cacdac said the FOI executive order will boost public accessibility to information and accountability in government offices, which will further strengthen efforts to serve and protect OFWs and their families.

Cacdac said with its existing ISO-certified systems and processes, the POEA aims for continuous improvement of OFW service delivery with greater transparency and integrity, and sustains its compliance with the requirements of the Anti-Red Tape Act (ARTA).

Cacdac said he has asked the POEA's internal ISO Committee to start preparing the People's Freedom to Information Manual as required of government agencies by the Executive Order.

The executive order covers all agencies under the executive branch, including government-owned and controlled corporations and state universities and colleges. Under Section 15 of the said order, any employee or public officer who will fail to comply with the provisions of the EO may face administrative and disciplinary sanctions. /END