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## **POEA padlocks illegal recruiter's office**

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) recently closed down the office of KBR International Agency Switzerland/AVA Documentation Services in Malate, Manila which was found recruiting Filipino workers without proper license from the government.

POEA officers who conducted surveillance operations on KBR International Agency prior to the closure reported that the agency has been recruiting OFWs supposedly for deployment to Switzerland, Brunei, Japan, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, New Zealand and Canada.

The POEA operative who posed as an applicant said the agency recruits waiters, construction workers, factory workers, and hotel workers.

The agency does not collect placement fees but requires applicants to pay for medical examination and training fees.

When confronted, the employees present during the closure of the agency denied they were recruiting workers and offered a business permit issued by the City of Manila in the name of AVA Documentation Services.

The POEA is filing an illegal recruitment case against Veronica Abalos, Antonio Ansong, Mirasol Agaton, and other responsible officers and staff of the closed establishment. /END