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## Beware of job offers from foreign placement agencies

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration reiterates its advice to Filipino workers who are presently working overseas to be more careful about offers of employment from foreign placement agencies.

Placement agencies based in Hong Kong, Taiwan and Singapore are reportedly recruiting Filipino household workers for supposed high-paying jobs in Russia, Turkey, Ukraine, Slovakia and other European countries.

The POEA discourages overseas Filipino workers from accepting such job offers. They risk signing contracts that are not in line with labor standards and may be charged exorbitant fees. Most probably, the conditions of employment are not what one had in mind, or worse, the offered job is non-existent.

In some countries domestic work is not recognized as a category for immigration. Thus the recruits are only allowed to enter on temporary visas or come as tourist, which is an unsustainable status. Undocumented and with no proper permit to work, their employment and living conditions are highly vulnerable and subject to violation of their basic rights.

Also, third-country recruitment is considered illegal because the recruiter and the employer have no license or authority to recruit Filipino workers for overseas jobs from the Philippine government.

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