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## Anti-Illegal Recruitment Summit of 2017 set

As part of the celebration of Migrant Workers Day, the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration, in partnership with the International Labor organization and SM Supermall-SM Global Pinoy, is conducting a summit meeting on anti-illegal recruitment on June 9, 2017

The AIR Summit of 2017 will be held in two (2) parts with different venues: Part 1 at the Auditorium of the Mall of Asia Arena Annex (MAAX), Coral Way corner J.W. Diokno Boulevard, Mall of Asia Complex, Pasay City and Part 2 at the Tanghalang Manuel Conde, Cultural Center of the Philippines, CPP Complex, Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City.

The POEA has invited some 200 members of law enforcement and prosecution offices, local government units, international organizations, recruitment industry associations, non-government organizations, workers' organizations, civil society, and the media.

The AIR Summit aims to discuss prevalent and new issues on illegal recruitment and agree with concrete recommendations from all stakeholders attending the summit.

At the Mall of Asia Arena Auditorium, the Summit participants are expected to sign a Multi-Stakeholder Statement Against Illegal Recruitment which emanated from the output of the multi-sector workshop conducted on December 14, 2016.

Law enforcement offices and the Department of Justice will sign a memorandum of understanding that will serve as term of reference in the use of and access to several databases related to the anti-illegal recruitment campaign.

The POEA will introduce to the summit participants the following anti-illegal recruitment projects:

- a. National Illegal Recruitment Case Monitoring System (NIRCMS) – a database which will be used by all law enforcement agencies and partner agencies that has a facility for endorsing, monitoring and updating progress of illegal recruitment cases nationwide. It can generate reports that could be used in policy and program development.
- b. Online Trafficking-in-Persons Blacklist Database – contains list of all persons, entities and recruitment agencies that are involved in trafficking in persons.
- c. Illegal Recruitment and Trafficking in Persons (IRTIP) Priority Targets List - a secret list of identified and validated personalities nationwide suspected as human traffickers and/or illegal recruiters with information on their modus operandi/typology, routes and demography of the victims.
- d. Anti-Illegal Recruitment Video – a videotaped shadow play performed by El Gamma Penumbra (2015 Asia’s Got Talent Grand Prize Winner) using an original song composition as a soundtrack. The video shows the different modus operandi of illegal recruiters that an overseas job seeker needs to know to avoid being a victim.
- e. POEA Online Complaint and Legal Counselling Facility – an internet-based system that will enable clients to seek legal assistance or advice online.

During the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the Summit at the Cultural Center of the Philippines, the International Labor Organization will lead the launching of the “*Study on International Recruitment in the Philippines to Determine Intervention Areas for the Fair Project*”. The Summit ends with the showing of “Sunday Beauty Queen”, a documentary on Filipina domestic workers’ self-empowerment through beauty pageants in Hong Kong.

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