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## **POEA** backlists Micronesia hospital

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration advises job applicants to avoid job offers coming from Chuuk State Hospital in the Federated States of Micronesia.

POEA officer-in-charge Aristodes R. Ruaro said Chuuk State Hospital was restricted from recruiting Filipino workers following reports of continuing maltreatment, contract violations, harassment, discrimination and abuse of OFWs.

The Philippine Consulate in Agana, Guam reported that the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia has made no effort in improving the working conditions and guaranteeing the timely payment of salaries and benefits of workers.

Deputy Administrator Ruaro said the hospital was also reported to have been recruiting health workers from the Philippines without the approval of the POEA.

Ruaro advises applicants to verify first with the POEA before accepting job offers through its website or telephone hotlines 7221144 and 7221155.

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