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7,520 OFWs get jobs through POEA's placement office in 2018

Philippine Overseas Employment Administration, from January to November 2018, has provided employment to some 7,520 Filipino workers through its government placement office.

The POEA recruits and deploys overseas Filipino workers on government-to-government arrangements. The Philippines has active labor service agreements with the governments of South Korea, Japan, Germany, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and Taiwan.

During the 11-month period, the POEA's Government Placement Branch has deployed 2,036 nurses to Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Health; 3,885 factory workers to Korea through its Employment Permit System, 932 factory workers to various manufacturing companies Taiwan; 324 nurses and caregiver trainees to Japan; 322 nurses to Germany's Triple win program; and 21 emergency medical technicians to the National Ambulance Company in Abu Dhabi, UAE.

For 2018, Saudi Arabia had the highest manpower requirement at 2,828, Japan with 870; Taiwan with 653 factory workers; 400 nurses for Germany; Abu Dhabi with 250 EMTs; and Korea with an annual quota of 5,000 factory workers.

The POEA has collected Php26,775,119.75 service fees from foreign employers during the 11-month period, bigger or 9 per cent more than the Php24,524,068.00 collected in the entire 2017. /END