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## POEA warns licensed agencies on premature recruitment of caregivers under Japan's training program

Administrator Bernard P. Olalia yesterday issued an advisory directing licensed recruitment agencies to refrain from engaging in any acts of recruitment and placement of caregivers and care assistants for Japan under the Technical Intern Training Program.

Administrator Olalia said there were reports that several licensed Philippine recruitment agencies, despite previous POEA issuances, have been prematurely conducting recruitment activities, including manpower pooling for the said positions.

"Until the appropriate guidelines are issued by his office, all recruitment agencies are being directed to desist from the unauthorized recruitment. Otherwise, the Administration will be constrained to initiate the appropriate administrative action for violation of the 2016 Revised POEA Rules and Regulations Governing the Recruitment and Employment of Land-based Overseas Filipino Workers of 2016 in relation to POEA Memorandum Circular No. 1, Series of 2017, this Advisory, and other pertinent issuances relating thereto, and the corresponding criminal action for illegal recruitment," Olalia said.

Olalia urged the public to report to the POEA illegal recruitment activities undertaken by licensed agencies and unauthorized entities or individuals. /END