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1,190 EPS-Korea applicants pass language test this year

Some 1,190 applicants for jobs in Korea passed the Test of Proficiency in Korean (TOPIK) conducted in 3 separate occasions in the Philippines this year.

TOPIK is a written test designed to measure the ability of non-native speakers for expression and comprehension in the Korean language.

TOPIK test measures proficiency in reading, writing, and listening comprehension in the Korean language. Passing the test is required for applicants for work as factory workers in Korea under the Employment permit system.

The test is conducted by Ministry of Employment and Labor of South Korea for the selection of foreigner workers to work in Korean manufacturing units, construction sites, agriculture etc. It tests the language skills of potential foreign employees to make sure that they can perform their duties in Korea efficiently and can also lead their everyday life without any language problems. Based on the EPS-TOPIK score they make a list of eligible foreign job seekers who can then apply for jobs and get proper working visa(E-9).

Korea selects workers from countries like – Laos, Cambodia, China, Philippines, Mongolia, East Timor, Vietnam, Thailand, Indonesia, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan.

Persons eligible to take the test should:

- be aged between 18 and 39
- not have any criminal record in relation to serious offence punishable by imprisonment
- not have any past records of deportation or departure under a departure order from the Republic of Korea
- not be subject to travel ban in his/her home country
- fulfil the eligibility requirements decided by both countries

Takers should get 80 out of 200 marks to pass but the final selection will be done depending on requirement and number of applicants. /END

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