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## Beware of Japan school illegally recruiting Filipino teachers

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) yesterday warned applicants of illegal recruitment of Filipino English instructors in Japan.

The Philippine Overseas Labor Office (POLO) in Tokyo reported that a certain Heart English School, a language school in Japan has been directly recruiting Filipino assistant teachers without the proper authorization from the POEA.

The report said a Filipino contact has been facilitating the travel of the teachers as tourists or the conversion of student visas to teacher visas of those already in Japan.

POLO Tokyo said Heart English School has continued to defy its advice to recruit Filipino teachers through a licensed recruitment agency in the Philippines on the premise that it is a Japanese company and it has no obligation to abide by Philippine regulations. This arrogant argument and unauthorized practice exposes the teachers to possible abuse.

The teachers who have no prior record of deployment at POEA now seek verification of their employment documents. Acting on their request, however, is tantamount to supporting unauthorized or irregular recruitment of Filipino workers.

The POEA reminds Filipinos seeking jobs in Japan to only transact with licensed recruitment agencies with job orders approved by the Administration.

The public is further advised to report immediately to POLO Tokyo at [polotokyo@gmail.com](mailto:polotokyo@gmail.com) or to the POEA Anti-Illegal Recruitment Branch at 721-0609 or 722-11-92 or [poea\\_airb16@gmail.com](mailto:poea_airb16@gmail.com) any unauthorized individual or groups offering similar schemes. /END