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## Warning on job advertisements in fake POEA Facebook pages

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration advises Filipino jobseekers to be cautious of supposed employment opportunities offered in the social media especially in Facebook pages masquerading as POEA-owned accounts.

POEA Administrator Bernard P. Olalia said there is a proliferation of Facebook pages that use the name and logo of the POEA to advertise job vacancies in countries like Australia, Canada, Germany, Japan, New Zealand and the United States that were not verified or approved by the POEA.

Olalia named some of such fake POEA Facebook pages as POEA Job Hirings in New Zealand, POEA Jobs Online, OFW POEA Jobs Abroad, POEA Jobs Abroad, POEA Job Hiring USA, POEA Job Hiring Australia, POEA Job Hiring UK, POEA Job Agency Hiring, POEA Trabaho Abroad Hiring, POEA Jobs in Dubai, Work Abroad-POEA Licensed Company, and POEA Accredited Licensed Agency.

The FB page "POEA Job Hirings in New Zealand" was reported to have posted ads of supposed vacancies of Honda, New Zealand that target Filipino workers. The company has since denied any active recruitment activity in the Philippines or any country outside New Zealand.

Olalia said facebook.com/poea.gov.ph is the official Facebook account of the POEA. It has a blue check mark signifying that it is authentic as verified by Facebook itself.

Applicants are advised to validate first with the POEA the validity of the jobs offered through email and social media by using the online verification system at the website poea.gov.ph or by calling telephone hotlines 8722-1144 and 8722-1155. /END