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## Hong Kong increases wage of foreign domestic workers

The Labour Department of Hong Kong has increased the minimum allowable wage (MAW) and food allowance of foreign domestic workers, including Filipinos.

Effective September 28, 2019, the new minimum allowable wage would not be less than HK\$4,630 and the food allowance would not be less than HK\$1,121 per month.

The Philippine Overseas Labor Office (POLO) in Hong Kong announced that it will process contracts of Filipino domestic workers with the existing monthly wage of HK\$4,520 and food allowance of HK\$1,075 provided they are signed on or before September 2019 and submitted by recruitment agencies on or before October 10, 2019 and October 10, 2019 by individuals.

The deadlines were set to provide sufficient time for the POLO-Hong Kong to process these contracts before October 25, 2019 which was the deadline given by Hong Kong's Immigration Department for accepting contracts with the existing monthly allowable wage. /END