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POEA padlocks offices of suspected illegal recruiters

Operatives of the POEA's Anti-Illegal Recruitment Branch and Philippine National Police (PNP) closed down four establishments which were reported to have been involved in illegal recruitment activities.

Administrator Bernard P. Olalia has ordered the closure of Vehicular Safety Driver Incorporated, Focus Japanese Language Services, Golden Sea Ship Management and an alleged branch of Pacific Business Ventures Inc. after surveillance and interview of applicants.

Vehicular Safety Driver Incorporated with office address at 232 P. de la Cruz Street, San Bartolome, Novaliches, Quezon City allegedly recruits office staff and restaurant workers for Japan, Canada, Australia and New Zealand which they charge Php100.00 for supposed application fee and Php5,000.00 as membership fee.

Focus Japanese Language Services located at G21 Winland Tower Residences, 45 Tomas Morato Avenue, Quezon City offers training on Nippongo for Php50,000.00 and at the same time engages in recruitment of trainees for Japan's Specified Skills Visa and other applicants for Canada, New Zealand and Australia. Training centers are prohibited from recruiting for overseas employment.

Golden Sea Management, an unlicensed company, allegedly recruits seafarers for possible employment in vessels registered in the Netherlands. The recruiter charges Php80,000.00 per applicant as processing fee payable through a remittance company. The office is located at Tuscania Village in Cagayan de Oro City.

Another office located at Room 305, A. Cabrera Building, 130 Timog Avenue, Quezon City allegedly uses the name of Pacific Business Ventures, a licensed recruitment company in its illegal recruitment activities – offering job applicants supposed jobs in China .

The employees who were present in the said establishments during the implementation of the closure order face charges of illegal recruitment and their names shall be included in the POEA watch list.

The POEA advises the public to verify with the POEA any published job vacancies and report suspicious recruitment activities whether committed in person or using social media platforms to the POEA Illegal Recruitment Branch at 722-11-92 or at the POEA hotline numbers 722-11-44 and 722-11-55. /END