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Malaysia launches amnesty program for illegal immigrants

The Malaysian government is implementing from November 16, 2020 to June 30, 2021 the Illegal Immigrant Recalibration Plan that will grant amnesty to foreigners, including Filipinos, currently staying illegally in the country

In an advisory, the Philippine Embassy in Kuala Lumpur said the amnesty program has two (2) parts: the Employment Calibration Program and the Return Calibration Program.

The Return Calibration Program allows illegal immigrants to return to their country voluntarily. On the other hand, the Employment Calibration Program aims to regularize illegal immigrants in Malaysia to be legally employed by eligible employers.

Eligible employers include employers from the sectors of manufacturing, construction, agriculture and plantation, and are not in the Malaysia Government's suspect list of blacklist.

Immigrants who can be hired through the program include foreign workers such as domestic helpers who overstayed on or before December 31, 2020, and are holding a social visit pass or Visit Pass Temporary Employment.

Those who violated their visit pass, which is valid before or until December 31, 2020, as well as the undocumented workers who ran away from their employers can also be hired through the program.

Immigrants that are included in the Malaysian Government's suspect lists or blacklist are not allowed to participate.

The aboved-mentioned immigrants must have a valid passport with at least 18 months of validity, and a COVID-19 negative result within 3 days before appointment with the Malaysian Immigration Department.

Eligible employers who want to participate in the ERP can register online with the Malaysian Immigration Department and submit an online application with the Malaysian Labor Department, through its official websites.

Employers must pay the necessary fees, including RM500 deposit, RM1,500 recalibration fee for each worker, RM60 for visit pass temporary employment, and other required payments.

According to the Malaysian Immigration Department, agents or manpower agencies are not allowed to participate in the implementation of the amnesty program. ###