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316 Filipino workers sign up to work in Israel hotels

Some 521 Filipino workers were offered employment contracts to work as hotel housekeepers in Israel and as of date, 316 applicants have already signed up and are expected to be deployed within next month.

The hotel workers will receive a monthly gross salary of 5300 NIS --- the 2018 monthly minimum wage in Israel for full time employment. In the case of a change in the relevant minimum wage, the above gross salary shall be revised and shall not be less than the minimum wage in force.

From this sum the employer will deduct 10% income tax, worker's contribution to private medical insurance – MAX 125.09 NIS workers' contribution for housing provided by employer – up to MAX 568 NIS. The worker will also be responsible for his own expenses for food, clothing, cable tv, telephone, travel, etc.

In addition to the monthly salary, the employer will pay the worker a cost of living allowance, under the conditions set out in the Collective Agreement.

The worker is considered a Junior Worker for the first 24 months of employment by the employer and as a Senior Worker beginning from the 25th month of employment by the employer and thereafter.

The governments of Israel and the Philippines have signed an agreement on December 11, 2018 designating the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration as the sole entity primarily responsible for the recruitment and deployment of the Filipino hotel workers. ###