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Beware of fake jobs on Facebook

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) warns jobseekers to be cautious of overseas job advertisements posted on Facebook.

Administrator Bernard P. Olalia said unscrupulous persons are taking advantage of the popularity of Facebook as source of information among Filipinos. It has become the favored platform of scammers and illegal recruiters who want to reach prospective victims easily while remaining anonymous in their illegal activities.

Olalia said overseas job advertisements directed at Filipino workers have proliferated in Facebook over the years. The jobs offered are mostly of lower skills like farmers, caregivers, housekeepers, cleaners, gardeners, factory workers, fruit pickers, fruit packers, food attendants, and construction workers. The countries of destination include Japan, Korea, Taiwan, New Zealand, Australia, Poland and Canada. The salary offer ranges from Php60,000 to Php120,000 per month. The alleged job vacancies, however, were not verified nor approved by the POEA and should be avoided by jobseekers.

Administrator Olalia said these Facebook pages also use deceptively the POEA logo, and in some instances photos of POEA officials and employees in their fake jobs advertisements.

Olalia advises Filipino job seekers to be vigilant and report any suspected illegal recruitment schemes and activities, whether committed in person or using social media platforms, to POEA Anti-Illegal Recruitment Branch at 8722-11-92 or at POEA hotline numbers 822-11-44 or 8722- 11-55. ###