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# Beware of illegal recruitment schemes for alleged jobs in Poland

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) advises Filipinos who wish to work in Poland to be wary of illegal recruitment schemes and other unscrupulous persons in view of announced high demand of job opportunities in the said country.

The Philippine Overseas Labor Office (POLO) in Geneva, which has jurisdiction over Poland, reported a scheme whereby prospective job applicants are made to sign contracts in the Philippines and charged exorbitant fees for their visa appearance in Malaysia, only to be deployed without guaranteed regular employment in the jobsite.

POLO Geneva also reported that OFWs pay at least P269,000 to their Philippine recruiters, with some borrowing money from lending agencies referred by the recruiters at usurious interests.

POEA reminds Filipinos seeking jobs in Poland to be cautious of illegal recruiters and to only transact with licensed recruitment agencies with job orders approved by the Administration.

Also, POEA urges the Filipino overseas job seekers to be vigilant and report any suspected illegal recruitment schemes and activities to POEA Anti-Illegal Recruitment Branch at 722-11-92 or at POEA Hotline numbers 722-11-44 or 722- 11-55. ###