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Beware of fake New Zealand jobs

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) warns Filipino jobseekers to be cautious of unscrupulous persons using various schemes for alleged employment opportunities in New Zealand.

The POEA received reports from the Embassy of New Zealand of illegal recruitment activities involving persons based overseas who are using the name of established companies in New Zealand to deceive unsuspecting Filipino job seekers.

The Human Resource Director of Danone Oceania, a company operating in Australia and New Zealand, has reported a fraudulent employment scheme which involves the recruitment of unsuspecting workers from the Philippines. The report said someone who introduces himself as a representative of his company was recruiting Filipino workers for supposed vacant positions in its branch in New Zealand. The modus operandi involves asking money from the victims supposedly for visa processing as well as for other administrative costs.

In another report, scammers masquerading as “immigration advisers” put out a Facebook page named “Jobsearch News Zealand Limited & Immigration Concept” misappropriating the name and logo of New Zealand Immigration Concepts, a legitimate immigration consultancy office in New Zealand.

The fake Facebook page advertises jobs such as domestic workers, farmers, healthcare workers, construction workers, hotel workers and seafarers. The illegal recruiters sends interested applicants an employment contract with forged signature of one of the directors of New Zealand Immigration Concepts and charges 525 NZ dollars as visa fee.

The POEA urges the public to report this kind of illegal recruitment schemes and any suspicious employment scams to POEA Operations and Surveillance Division by sending an email at poea_airb_osd@yahoo.com or contact the numbers 8722-1192. ###