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Language training centers not allowed to recruit workers

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) advises Filipino job applicants to South Korea to be more cautious in dealing with Korean language training centers that promise overseas employment in order to entice clients to avail of their services.

The POEA revealed this kind of illegal recruitment scheme, as some Korean language training centers were found to be using the Administration's name and logo in their advertisements in social media.

Other Korean language training centers even promise the applicants of a "sure pass" on their Test of Proficiency in Korean (TOPIK), one of the requirements in workers application for work in Korea through the Employment Permit System (EPS). The Administration reiterated that it does not authorize training centers to engage in the recruitment and placement of overseas Filipino workers.

Also, the POEA Government Placement Branch (GPB), the government-to-government facility which manages the Korea Employment Permit System in the Philippines, does not accredit any language training.

Job applicants to South Korea are advised to check the official website of the POEA www.poea.gov.ph or email the POEA Information Center at connect@poea.gov.ph for the announcements on government-to-government hiring for South Korea and on the schedules of EPS-TOPIK.

Likewise, the POEA urges the public to be vigilant and report any suspected illegal recruitment schemes and activities to POEA Anti-Illegal Recruitment Branch, Operations and Surveillance Division by sending an email at poea_airb_osd@yahoo.com or contact the numbers 8722-1192.###