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Travel agencies not allowed to recruit overseas workers

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) warned overseas job applicants anew to avoid travel agencies illegally recruiting Filipino workers for overseas employment.

This after the POEA received numerous reports on illegal recruitment schemes involving travel agencies asking for large amounts of placement/processing fees from clients in exchange of promised overseas work with lucrative salaries in factories, farms, or hotels and multi-year visas to countries such as South Korea and New Zealand.

POEA warned the public to avoid travel agencies such as Sam Stay Tours, which was identified as not accredited travel agency of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea, and tagged as fraud by offering fake work or tourist visa tickets.

Other travel agencies reportedly conducting illegal recruitment activities include MGR Travel, Ailar Travel Agency, Agencia de Marisian, and other similar travel agencies.

As part of their modus, the said travel agencies present dubious certificates of registration from the Department of Trade and Industry, which even if valid is not licensed by the POEA to engaged in recruitment activities.

The Philippine Overseas Labor Office in New Zealand and South Korea, likewise clarified that it does not accredit any Philippine-based travel agency to recruit Filipino overseas workers.

The POEA urges the public to disregard unsolicited job offers made by travel agencies, consultancy firms and training centers, as well as report this kind of illegal recruitment schemes and activities to POEA Operations and Surveillance Division by sending an email at poea_airb_osd@yahoo.com or contact the numbers 8722-1192/8568-0786.###