

News Advisory
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POEA reiterates warning on PhP3,000 seminar scam

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration reiterated its advice to overseas jobseekers to disregard emails informing them of selection for supposed employment in countries like United Kingdom, Canada, and the United States of America.

The email has this standard subject line:

“Last 8 slots left for XYZ INTERNATIONAL MANPOWER SERVICES (POEA License No. 1223-3837) for the first 20 applicants for Canada June 2020 Deployment”

Administrator Bernard P. Olalia said to show appearance of legitimacy, the scammer uses the name of a licensed Philippine recruitment agency without the latter’s knowledge to entice its victims.

The scammer promises high salaries, non-payment of placement and processing fees and other too-good-to-be-true remunerations.

The target victim is asked to pay P3,000 as reservation fee to be sent through a remittance company for the supposed mandatory orientation seminar to be conducted at the office of the licensed recruitment agency.

Olalia said any unsolicited job offer through e-mail and social media which requires payment of fees for seminar, documentation, and processing of visa and other travel documents is a sure sign of a scam.

He advised applicants to validate the authenticity of job offers with the POEA through its verification system at poea.gov.ph and hotlines 7221144 and 7221155.

The administrator also urged the public to immediately report any suspicious or illegal online recruitment activities to the Anti-Illegal Recruitment Branch’s Operations and Surveillance Division at email poea_airb_osd@yahoo.com. /END