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Beware of the email job scam

If you received an email with the subject "Final Notice and Limited Slots for Deployment", do not even try to open it --- it is a scam.

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) has advised jobseekers to ignore any email with the above subject line, allegedly from a licensed recruitment agency inviting them to attend an orientation seminar and immediate interview by a foreign employer.

Administrator Bernard P. Olalia said that while the information on the licensed recruitment agency, including the job vacancies is true, the actual job offer is fake. The scammer is mainly after the "reservation fee" ranging from Php3,000 to Php5,000 to be sent by the target victim through a remittance company for the supposed mandatory orientation seminar to be conducted at the office of the recruitment agency.

Olalia said unsolicited job offers which requires early payment of fees for seminar, documentation or processing of visa and other travel documents is a sure indication of a scam.

Also, any transaction relative to overseas job applications should be conducted within the registered business address of a licensed recruitment agency. Likewise, the collection of any fee from a worker must always be accompanied by an official receipt, which shows the amount paid and purpose of the payment.

Overseas jobseekers are advised to always confirm offers of employment through the POEA verification system at the POEA website www.poea.gov.ph or email the POEA Information Center at connect@poea.gov.ph.

Olalia also encouraged the public to be vigilant and immediately report any suspicious activities pertaining to online recruitment scams to POEA Anti-Illegal Recruitment Branch Operations and Surveillance Division at osd@poea.gov.ph or contact (02) 8722- 1192.
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