

## News Release

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### POEA honors OFWs on Migrant Workers' Day

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) is all set to pay tribute and recognize the significant efforts and hard work of overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) on Migrant Workers' Day.

The POEA has lined up activities on June 7, 2021 to celebrate the significant efforts of OFWs in bringing pride to the Filipino nation, as well as appreciate their valuable contributions to the economic development of the country, even amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Bagong Bayani Foundation, Inc. together with the POEA, will honor outstanding OFWs through the Bagong Bayani Awards, 14 OFWs in five categories such as the Outstanding Employee, Community and Social Service, Culture and Arts, Capt. Gregorio S. Oca Achievement Award, and the Blas F. Ople Award para sa "Natatanging Bagong Bayani".

The Bagong Bayani Awards virtual awarding ceremony can be watched through the official Facebook page of the POEA and the Bagong Bayani Foundation, Inc. or this link: <https://bit.ly/2TI9VQq>.

The POEA will relaunch the updated version of OFW Handbook, which contains tips on acquiring overseas employment, the rights and responsibilities of OFWs, and the basic information on the culture and labor and living conditions in their destinations and their reintegration when they return to our country. The handbook will be given free to the public.

Also on Migrant Workers' Day, the POEA will set a community pantry for the OFWs coming in the POEA office in Mandaluyong City.

Aside from the immediate services available to them, a simple program of enjoyment with raffle prizes and other modest token of gratitude, also awaits OFWs on the day of the celebration,

In accordance with COVID-19 safety regulations of the POEA, clients with set appointment on that day can only be allowed to enter the POEA offices. Social distancing, proper wearing of face mask and face shields are also mandatory during the celebration.

This year's sponsors include other government agencies and private partners, such as the PAG-IBIG, SSS, PhilHealth, OWWA, Metrobank, BDO, BPI, Landbank, ALOO and ASCOREP.

Migrant Workers' Day is celebrated every 7th of June in the Philippines to commemorate the signing into law of the Republic Act 8042 or the Migrant Workers Act of 1995. The occasion aims to celebrate and recognize OFWs, or the modern-day heroes of the country. ###