

News Release

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POEA to celebrate, honor 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 amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Bagong Bayani Foundation, Inc., together with the POEA and via the Bagong Bayani Awards will honor outstanding 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 Facebook account of the POEA and the Bagong Bayani Foundation or through this link: <https://www.virtualeventsph.site/2021BagongBayaniAwards?fbclid=IwAR1GDjOcltfxd9E Efglac WE12urTtx sFvp2h0MWEgxY5IA3wPXiOW4Bil>

Also on June 7, the POEA will relaunch the updated version of OFW Handbook, which contains the rights and responsibilities of OFWs, and the basic information on the labor and living conditions of their country destinations.

The said OFW Handbook will be freely given to OFWs to further empower them on their overseas employment, and in their smooth reintegration into Philippine society.

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

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

Transacting OFWs with appointment are only allowed to go to the POEA office in accordance with COVID-19 safety regulations. 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 celebration aims to celebrate and recognize OFWs, or the modern-day heroes of the country. ###