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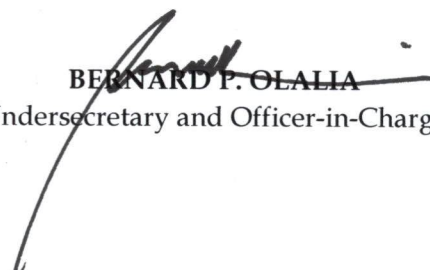
Hong Kong's New Minimum Allowable Wage for Domestic Helpers

Effective 30 September 2017, the Hong Kong Labour Department has announced that the Minimum Allowable Wage (MAW) for foreign domestic helpers will be increased from **HK\$4,310 to HK\$4,410** per month as reported by the Philippine Overseas Labor Office in Hong Kong. The minimum food allowance was also increased from **HK\$1,037 to HK\$1,053** per month. This is applicable to all contracts signed on or after 30 September 2017.

Contracts with the existing MAW of HK\$4,310 and food allowance of HK\$1,037 will still be processed by the POLO Hong Kong provided they are signed before 30 September 2017 and submitted on or before 17 October 2017.

This arrangement will provide sufficient time for the POLO Hong Kong to process these contracts on or before 27 October 2017 which is the deadline set by the Immigration Department of Hong Kong for accepting contracts with the existing MAW.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.


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