



Macau's Restrictive Policy on Hiring of Foreign Workers

The Philippine Overseas Labor Office (POLO) has reported that Macau's restrictive policy on hiring of foreign workers and its current localization program are affecting job opportunities for Filipino workers. The policy of giving priority to the hiring of local, mainland and Hong Kong Chinese is being strictly enforced by Macau authorities. Under the current restrictive policy on the hiring of foreign workers, all employers are required to submit to the Labor Office Bureau of Macau their skills requirement for approval. The requested skills are matched with available Chinese manpower and only after the requested number of skills could not be met, will authority be given to these employers to import workers.

In line with its localization program, Macau has set up a training school for gaming to supply the manpower required by the growing gaming industry and assure employment for locals. The training school is believed, to be capable of turning out enough graduates to fill in the vacancies of the gaming industry estimated at around 50,000 workers from the middle of this year up to 2007.

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