



### **KOREA NEEDS ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHERS AND SKILLED WORKERS**

The Philippine Overseas Labor Office (POLO) in Seoul reported on the prospects for the entry of highly skilled foreign workers and professionals to the Korean labor market, including English language teachers.

While there is no final decision yet on the hiring of English language teachers and high quality/skilled workers, the Korean Immigration Service (KIS), has started preparing plans and coordinating with relevant agencies on opening visa quotas for these work categories. Should the plan be approved, the implementation of the same shall commence after the assumption of the new administration led by President-elect Lee Myung-bak.

Under the leadership of Lee Myung-bak, experts anticipate more flexible visa rules and improved living conditions for skilled foreign workers. Given the growing number of foreign residents, Lee is also expected to push for measures to help them better adapt to Korean society.

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