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**United Kingdom (UK) Advice on Payment of Visa Processing/Work Permit Fees**

In view of reports reaching POLO London that certain UK based recruitment agencies are legitimizing themselves through the possession of a Certificate of Registration from British Labour Department Authority London (BLDAL) and collecting £400.00 GBP per selected worker for their Immigration Acceptable Information verification purposes, the Post would like to clarify that the Certificate of Business in the UK is issued by the UK Companies House, and not by the BLDAL.

Furthermore, an advisory from the Policy and Strategic Communication Department of the UK Embassy in Manila states:

"Please be reminded that Filipinos who wish to travel to the UK for any reason should know that all visa fees are paid in the Philippines, not in the UK. All UK visa applications for Filipinos are lodged at the local Visa facilitation Centre in Makati City, Philippines. If your prospective employer asks you to send money overseas for visa processing or work permit, please exercise caution as this is a possible indicator of scam."

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

  
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