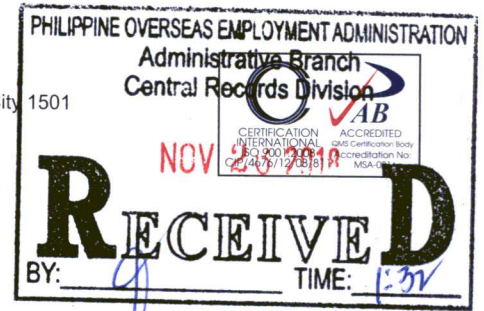




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TO : All Concerned

SUBJECT : Unauthorized Recruitment Practices in Malta

The Philippine Embassy in Rome issued an Advisory dated 14 September 2018 on unauthorized recruitment practices in Malta, reminding all Filipinos who are seeking employment opportunities in Malta to exercise caution and avoid recruitment schemes by unscrupulous individuals and entities who are undermining both Maltese and Philippine laws to exact money from their victims.

The Advisory enumerates the following recruitment practices that violate POEA rules and regulations:

- Unauthorized recruitment
- Third-country hiring or hiring from countries other than the Philippines
- Substitution of POEA-approved employment contracts
- Excessive placement fees.

The Philippine Embassy further reminds all Filipinos who are interested to work in Malta of the following:

- 1) Apply only through Philippine Recruitment Agencies (PRAs) licensed by the POEA. All OFWs bound for Malta must originate from the Philippines. POEA does not sanction hiring from outside the Philippines.
- 2) Be informed that placement fee which may be charged to an OFW is equivalent only up to one (1) month salary and encompasses all charges and other fees relating to recruitment. Household service workers are exempted from the placement fee.
- 3) Ensure that your employment contract is registered with POEA prior to departure for Malta. Any revision or amendment to the contract must be approved by POEA or the Philippine Overseas Labor Office (POLO).

All are hereby advised to transact only with duly licensed Philippine Recruitment Agencies (PRAs) with valid and approved job orders. This can be verified through the POEA website at www.poea.gov.ph or contact the 24/7 POEA Hotline at 722.11.44 or 722.11.55 for a quick verification of any overseas employment offer/s.

The public is further advised to report immediately to POLO-Rome (polo_rome@yahoo.it) or POEA Anti-illegal Recruitment Branch (AIRB) at telephone numbers 721.06.19 or 722.11.92 any individual/s or groups offering similar schemes or other overseas jobs without a valid POEA license, to curb any illegal recruitment or human trafficking attempt against you or your relatives.


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