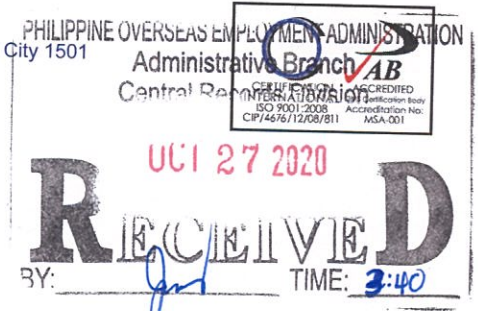




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POEA warns jobseekers to South Korea about language center scams

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) reminds all prospective job applicants not to entertain social media job posts or any offers of overseas employment made by Korean language training centers/schools/institutes. Investigation by the POEA revealed that the scheme involves inviting applicants to enroll in Korean language courses with promise of employment in South Korea. As a marketing ploy, some Korean language training centers also use the logo and the name of the POEA without the Administration's consent and permission.

The Administration also warns the public regarding Korean language training centers promising Test of Proficiency in Korean Language through Employment Permit System (EPS-TOPIK) of Korea with "sure pass" guarantees through supposed partnerships with and accreditation by the POEA. The POEA Government Placement Branch (GPB), which manages the government-to-government facility with the Human Resources Development Service (HRDS) of South Korea does not accredit or enter into partnerships with any language training center/school/institute as part of its EPS program.

The public is advised to check the official POEA website (www.poea.gov.ph) or email the POEA Information Center at connect@poea.gov.ph for the announcements on government-to-government hiring for South Korea and on schedules of EPS-TOPIK. Announcements are also made through the GPB Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/gpbinaction).

The POEA also asks the public to report any suspicious activities pertaining to recruitment scams, to the Anti-Illegal Recruitment Branch via email poea_airb_osd@yahoo.com or call 8722-1192 (Operations and Surveillance Division).

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