



Taiwan's New Law On Hiring Caregivers

The Philippine Labor Center (PLC) in Taipei has reported that the Taiwanese government implemented a new law on the hiring of caregiver, effective 01 January 2006. The new law, which encourages the hiring of local caregivers by Taiwanese employers, has the following salient features:

- A more relaxed medical assessment of the patient to hire a caregiver
- Government caregiver centers will recommend up to two (2) sets of local caregivers to prospective employers with three (3) recommendees per set
- Employers may only apply to hire foreign caregivers if they cannot find a suitable local applicant
- The Taiwanese government will provide a monthly subsidy of NT\$10,000 for one (1) year to families employing local caregiver

The PLC believes that the deployment of Filipino caregivers to Taiwan will not be affected in the long term in view of the high cost of hiring a local caregiver. Foreign caregivers in Taiwan receive a monthly salary of NT\$15,840 as compared to the NT\$30,000 to 35,000 (8 to 12 hour work) monthly salary received by local caregivers. There are an estimated 130,000 Taiwanese who are in need of caregivers, while only 15,000 local caregivers are available in the island.

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