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POEA WARNS AGAINST FRAUDULENT CYBER RECRUITERS

THE Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) has warned Filipino jobseekers against fraudulent cyber recruiters offering non-existent jobs mostly in the United Kingdom.

POEA Administrator Jennifer J. Manalili issued the warning following reports of mounting complaints received by the Philippine Embassy in London from Filipino workers who had been victimized by these cyber recruiters.

In a letter to the POEA, the Philippine Overseas Labor Office (POLO) in London noted the proliferation of advertisements for non-existent jobs posted through the internet. POLO identified one recruitment firm as Global Logistics and Trading Shipping Co., Ltd. which turned out to be an unlicensed UK company.

To prevent more Filipino workers from being defrauded, the Philippine Embassy, through POLO, has issued an advisory regarding the latest internet scam.

According to the advisory sent by POLO to Administrator Manalili, the modus operandi being used by the internet recruiters is to send job offers to unsuspecting Filipino workers who are asked to send money as payment for work permit and other travel documents.

Administrator Manalili advised Filipino workers to check with and verify from the POEA the name and credentials of domestic or international recruiting agency before accepting any offer.

POEA also recommends that all manpower requests and other recruitment documents be first verified by the London office and that the practice of issuing provisional registration be restricted to prevent dishonest recruitment agencies from unnecessarily advertising inexistent and non-visa jobs. ##