



Spain Appears Promising for Employment of More Filipinos

The Philippine Overseas Labor Office (POLO) in Madrid has reported that Spain has relaxed the entry of foreign workers due to an acute labor shortage. Spanish workers move to other countries in Europe to seek better living and working conditions. Spain also has among the lowest birth rates and highest ageing population in Europe. Similarly, workers from other European Union (EU) member countries tend to favor work in more affluent EU countries.

Workers from the 10 new member states, such as Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovenia, Czech and Slovak Republics, find it less attractive to work in Spain since they must comply with the same requirements as all other non-EU countries (like the Philippines) for obtaining work permits and learning the language (Spanish) of the intended country of work. In terms of learning the language, Filipinos have greater advantages and chances over workers from any EU-member country in the Spanish labor market. There are said to be 8,000 Filipino and Spanish common words; thus, it appears easier for Filipinos to learn the language than workers from EU countries.

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