



SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT DEPORTS ILLEGAL ALIENS

The Philippine Embassy in Pretoria reported that the South African government had apprehended and deported almost 200,000 aliens who were of illegal status, found to have no documentation or were in possession of false documents. Most of those deported were from African countries; a small number of deportees were from Asia.

The Philippine Embassy believed that it would be more difficult for foreign workers to land jobs in South African countries. Presently, about 90% of Filipinos in South Africa work with foreign companies, mostly owned by Taiwanese and Korean. Filipinos with South African citizenship work with local employers.

Despite the statements from the South African government that it would step up the recruitment of skilled workers to meet its 6% economic growth target, priority will be given to South Africans who are naturalized citizens or South African migrants in Europe, U.S. and Australia.

Source: Philippine Embassy, Pretoria