



Payment of Salaries through Bank Account for Domestic Workers in Malaysia

The Philippine Overseas Labor Office (POLO) in Kuala Lumpur has reported on the proposal of the Ministry of Human Resources of Malaysia to require employers to open a bank account for their domestic helpers for the payment of their salaries. The proposal aims to ensure the regular payment of salaries of domestic workers and eliminate cases of unjust withholding, underpayment and non-payment of salaries. The move was triggered by numerous complaints from international agencies that Malaysian employers do not pay their domestic workers the salary due them. The proposal will be mandatory once it is approved by the Malaysian Parliament when it convenes in March this year to discuss amendments to Malaysia's Employment Act of 1955.

The POLO viewed this development as a positive step towards the continued improvement of the working conditions of Filipino domestic workers in Malaysia.

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