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CONTINUING REPORTS ON UNAUTHORIZED USE OF MWO-TOKYO'S NAME AND PERSONNEL, FORGED MWO-TOKYO STAMPS

The Migrant Workers Office (MWO) in Tokyo is alerted with the proliferation of the unauthorized use of the name of its office, as well as the use of forged stamps bearing its name and the name of the Philippine Embassy in Tokyo, together with swindling and illegal recruitment activities being operated by certain persons.

Similar to the incidents leading to our previous advisory (Advisory No. 2022-013), Post has once again been receiving queries and reports from Filipinos (in the Philippines) seeking confirmation on the legality of the employment contracts / jobs offered to them here in Japan. On its face, the form of the contracts and attached documents used are bogus and never went through MWO-Tokyo verification.

In addition, these unscrupulous individuals collect fees from the jobseekers in the Philippines.

MWO-Tokyo emphatically condemns the actions of these fraudulent entities which patently constitute illegal recruitment. Accordingly, we reiterate and encourage the public to to be more vigilant and discerning when offered overseas employment in Japan. To be sure, Filipino jobseekers may validate the legitimacy and authenticity of employers and employment documents by reaching out to our office (mwo tokyo@dmw.gov.ph), or through DMW's Japan Desk (japandesk@dmw.gov.ph).

Lastly, we would like to underscore that MWO-Tokyo does not collect any fees whatsoever in the accreditation of employers and verification of employment documents. Please duly take note also that employers and/or recruitment agencies of Japan-bound Filipino workers are prohibited from collecting placement fees on the workers.

For everyone's information and guidance.

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