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REMINDER AGAINST THIRD-COUNTRY RECRUITMENT SCHEMES

The Migrant Workers Office (MWO) Hong Kong warns all Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) in Hong Kong against third-country recruitment schemes that entice OFWs to transfer to another country through unauthorized, unverified, and illegal channels.

Unauthorized individuals – often posing as visa consultants, agents, or coordinators – have been persuading workers to resign, break their contracts, and pay large sums for supposed processing or travel arrangements that do not lead to legal employment.

KEY RISKS AND CONSEQUENCES

Engaging in these schemes may result in:

- Loss of current employment and breach of contract.
- Severe financial loss from fraudulent fees.
- Immigration violations, including offloading, detention, or deportation.
- Exposure to abuse, exploitation, or trafficking.
- No legal protection, since the job did not pass through Department of Migrant Workers' (DMW) verification.
- Dealings with illegal recruiters are prohibited under Republic Act No. 8042 and the 2023 DMW Rules and Regulations Governing the Recruitment and Employment of Landbased Overseas Filipino Workers.

WHAT OFWs MUST DO

To protect your rights and welfare:

- Do not resign based on unverified job offers.
- Do not transact with unauthorized recruiters, visa agents, or consultants.
- Verify all job offers through licensed Philippine Recruitment Agencies (PRAs) with valid job orders at www.dmw.gov.ph.
- Ensure proper documentation: work visa, verified contract, and DMW processing.
- Report suspicious offers to MWO Hong Kong immediately.

FINAL REMINDER

Third-country recruitment is dangerous, illegal, and harmful to your safety, employment, and legal status. Protect yourself by following only lawful, DMW-regulated recruitment channels.

“MAGING MATALINO, HUWAG MAGPALOKO!”

Your safety begins with the right and informed decision.

This Advisory is issued for the information and guidance of all concerned.

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