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The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) has advised aspiring overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) against foreign language training centers that promise guaranteed employment upon completion of the language course.



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"Language training centers have no license or authority to recruit Filipino workers, hence they are prohibited from advertising overseas job vacancies," the agency said in a statement.

The POEA issued the warning amid some language training centers' posting of advertisements on supposed jobs in Korea, Japan, and Germany to entice jobseekers to enroll.

The agency noted that applicants for factory workers in South Korea under the Employment Permit System (EPS) have to pass the Test on Proficiency in Korean (TOPIK).

"Passing TOPIK, however, is not a guarantee that the worker will get immediate employment in Korea. Those who passed the Korean language test must also hurdle the skills test and selection by a Korean employer," the POEA noted.

Moreover, candidates for nurses and care workers "are required to undertake the six-month Preparatory Japanese Language Training (PJLT)," which is under the labor agreement on Philippine-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement. The agency, meanwhile, noted that the applicants will still undergo six-month language training in Japan.

The POEA further stated that Germany's Triple Win Project has been recruiting Filipino nurses, who have prior knowledge of the German language or is willing to undergo German language training to attain B1 language proficiency level.

"The Goethe Institut and Berlitz Language Center are the only authorized training entities for the Triple Win Project," the agency noted.