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POEA reissues warning on e-mail scam

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration reiterates its advice to overseas jobseekers to disregard emails informing them of selection for supposed employment in countries like United Kingdom, Canada and the United States of America for positions they never applied for in the first place.

The POEA had received several complaints and reports from job seekers who have fallen prey to this modus operandi.

Through email, the scammer informs the recipient that he or she was selected for a certain position in a known company overseas and representatives of the employer are already in the Philippines to interview qualified applicants.

The sender claims partnership with a licensed recruitment agency in the Philippines for the supposed processing of employment documents and instructs the target victim to verify with the POEA the status of its license.

The scammer promises high salaries, non-payment of placement and processing fees and other too-good-to-be-true remunerations. Applicants from the provinces are promised free food and accommodation and reimbursement of transportation expenses.

The worker, however, is asked to pay P3,700 for reservation of a slot in an orientation seminar supposedly to be conducted at the office of the licensed recruitment agency.

The victim is instructed to send the amount through a remittance company and to text details of payment to the receiver of the money. The scammer also advises the victim to wait for an email with "very important information" together with maps and directions to locate the recruitment agency.

After collecting the money from the remittance company, the scammer stops communicating with the victim.

Job seekers are advised to verify with the POEA offers of employment especially those received in email or found in the social media by calling telephone numbers 7221144 and 7221155. /END