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PUBLIC ADVISORY AGAINST ILLEGAL RECRUITMENT ACTIVITIES

In line with the Department's thrust to intensify its campaign against illegal recruitment, the public is hereby encouraged to report to DOLE or proper authorities any suspicious activities on illegal recruitment and human trafficking whether conducted physically or through social media and other online platforms.

This is to remind the public that any recruitment activities to be undertaken by a non-licensee or non-holder of authority shall be deemed illegal and punishable by a fine or imprisonment, or both at the discretion of the court, pursuant to Article 38 of the *Labor Code of the Philippines*, as amended and renumbered, and *Republic Act No. 10022*, as the case may be.

The public is advised to apply for jobs offered by legitimate employers and through the Public Employment Service Offices (PESOs), PhilJobNet, and licensed Private Employment Agencies (PEAs). The public may visit the Bureau of Local Employment's official webpages on the list of PESOs (www.ble.dole.gov.ph/about-peso), PhilJobNet (www.philjobnet.gov.ph), and list of licensed PEAs (www.ble.dole.gov.ph/private-employment-agency).

Any suspicious, unlawful, or illegal transaction involving recruitment activities should be reported to the DOLE through its Regional Offices or to the proper authorities.

Please be guided accordingly.


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