RAMPANT ILLEGAL RECRUITMENT OF STUDENT TRAINEES TO SINGAPORE FORCES CHED TO SUSPEND THE STUDENT INTERNSHIP ABROAD PROGRAM (SIAP)

The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) has reported on the rising number of Filipino students/trainees and graduates of higher education institutions who became victims of cheap labor and human trafficking in Singapore. According to the report, student trainees are reportedly being exploited and abused under this scheme while graduates of higher education institutions are recruited illegally in some establishments in Singapore and are treated as student-interns.

The said incidents prompted CHED to indefinitely suspend its Student Internship Abroad Program (SIAP) effective Second Semester of School-Year 2011-2012. Under the program, CHED’s accredited local and foreign partner entities who tied-up with participating higher education institutions can recommend, process and monitor student-interns who will undergo international practicum in Singapore.

The public is strongly warned against accepting arrangements from recruiters to work or undergo international practicum overseas particularly in Singapore, without the required documentary processing from the POEA and CHED, respectively.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

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