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TO : ALL CONCERNED
SUBJECT : THE TRUTH ABOUT THE GLOBAL DEMAND FOR CAREGIVERS*

Contrary to media advertisements and claims made by local caregiver training institutes, there is no huge global demand for caregivers overseas, especially among existing markets as evidenced by a marked general slowdown in deployment between 1998 and 2003. Only Taiwan, which accounts for approximately 80% of total deployment for the period under review, has registered an upward deployment trend although the level has failed to surpass that achieved in 1998. Prospective caregivers are, therefore, advised by the POEA of this reality to prevent them from pouring their efforts and money in any caregiver training institute that promises or guarantees overseas employment immediately after graduation.

![Deployment Trend of Caregivers (1998-2003)](image)

Prospective caregivers are further advised of the following employment prospects in existing and prospective markets in 2004:

1. Employment prospects in existing markets in 2004. If the approved job orders for caregivers during the first quarter of 2004 are to be used as indicators of employment

*Caregivers*, as used in this advisory, refers to (a) caretakers in Taiwan, (b) carers in UK and Ireland, and (c) caregivers in Israel, Canada, the United States and other countries.
prospects, jobs could be found mostly in Taiwan, Israel, and the United Kingdom – which account for 59%, 26%, and 12% of the total number of approved job orders (7,782), respectively. Approved job orders from Canada, the most favored destination of caregivers, account for only 2.2% of the total number of contracts processed, implying that employment prospects in that country are not really as bright as they are touted to be.

2. **Employment prospects in emerging markets in 2004.** Despite validated reports of a growing demand for caregivers in the US and Japan, employment prospects for caregivers remain dim. There is difficulty of having caregivers admitted into the US under its employment-based visa scheme. Employment prospects in Japan are similarly unpromising for lack of market access. On-going talks of the Philippine government with the Japanese government, which has come under intense pressure by various Japanese lobby groups, have yet to lead to the opening of the market for caregivers.

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