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POLO-ISRAEL CONDUCTS POST ARRIVAL ORIENTATION
FOR OFWs

The Philippine Overseas Labor Office (POLO) in Israel reported that the Post has been regularly conducting a weekly post arrival orientation or briefing for all newly arrived OFWs at the Philippine Embassy every Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. since 01 June 2008.

The briefing is part of POLO’s Workers Awareness Program to provide sufficient information to the OFWs on the realities in the worksite. It seeks to:

1. determine if the caregiver has a legitimate employer;
2. update POLO registry of OFWs;
3. inform workers about the location of the Embassy; the programs and services of DOLE, POEA and OWWA for OFWs on-site and services offered by NGOs and other relevant institutions for migrant workers;
4. establish and strengthen linkage between POLO and OFWs;
5. inform workers on the do’s and don’t’s in carrying their tasks as caregivers for the sick and elderly Israelis and their contractual obligations as OFWs.

The POLO has informed the Israel Ministry of Industry, Trade and Labour of this initiative. It shall propose that a similar orientation be conducted for Israeli employers and family to promote better understanding and appreciation of socio-cultural differences, and to establish good working relationship between the employer and the Filipino worker.

For the information of all concerned.

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