

## **ADVISORY NO. 2022-013**

## GROWING CASES OF UNAUTHORIZED USE OF POLO-TOKYO'S NAME AND PERSONNEL, FORGED POLO-TOKYO STAMPS

The Philippine Overseas Labor Office (POLO) in Tokyo is alerted with the proliferation of the unauthorized use of the name of its office, as well as the use of forged stamps bearing its name and the name of the Philippine Embassy in Tokyo, together with swindling and illegal recruitment activities being operated by certain persons.

For the past few weeks, Post has been receiving emails from Filipinos (in the Philippines) seeking confirmation on the legality of the employment contracts / jobs offered to them here in Japan. It was glaringly apparent on the face of the documents that the POLO stamps used are bogus, and accordingly, these documents never went through POLO verification.

In addition, it has come to our attention that certain individuals are misrepresenting themselves as POLO-Tokyo personnel, and worse, collecting fees from the jobseekers in the Philippines.

The public is thus warned of the above unscrupulous and illegal recruitment activities, and everyone is encouraged to be more vigilant and discerning when offered overseas employment in Japan.

Lastly, we would like to reiterate that POLO-Tokyo does not collect any fees whatsoever in the verification of employment documents.

For everyone's information and guidance.

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