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New Mechanism to Help Repatriate Absconded Male Workers Without Documents About to be Created

All Filipino Male Workers Who Absconded Before the Grace Period Urged to Contact the Embassy

(RIYADH, 10 October 2013) – Are you a male Filipino worker who wishes to be repatriated before the 3 November 2013 deadline, but lack the required original *iqama* or passport and thereby have been unable to process your exit visa?

The Embassy strongly advises you to immediately call Mr. Adzwie Joe (0557502134) or Mr. Rene Literal (0508017104) of the Embassy's labor section and land line 4832201-03, and be ready to provide details pertaining to your identity and sponsor.

You may also head to the Philippine Overseas Labor Office - Riyadh (POLO-Riyadh) in the Diplomatic Quarter starting Sunday, 13 October 2013, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. For your convenience, POLO-Riyadh will not close for the Eid holidays. Please make sure to bring all of your documents that will prove your identity, sponsor name, and contacts if available.

The Embassy has arranged with the Office of the Emir for the creation of an interagency committee headed by the Office of the Emir to look into the cases of those with no documents in preparation for their repatriation. The process will start before the 3 November deadline.

This facility is only applicable to those who absconded from their original employers before 06 April 2013. If you absconded after 6 April 2013, do not proceed to POLO-Riyadh for this purpose as a different process will apply to you. **(END)**