

**A D V I S O R Y****Beware of agencies that recruit Filipino Domestic Helpers in Singapore for deployment to Brazil or Chile**

The Philippine Embassy in Brasilia wishes to advise Singapore-based Filipinos to be wary of agencies who recruit domestic helpers for deployment in South America, particularly Brazil and Chile.

Not only do these agencies collect placement fees from workers without issuing receipts, workers are not assured valid contracts from Brazilian or Chilean employers upon their arrival. Because of Brazil's visa-free policy for tourists, these agencies pass through Brazil first, in the hopes of finding work when they arrive in the country. When none is available, workers are then brought to Chile, where Filipina workers undergo the same process.

The Philippine Embassy in Brasilia enjoins Filipinos who wish to work as domestic helpers in South America to obtain work visas, or take the risk of becoming victims of illegal recruitment. / END

