

Prayer for Healing

JESUS, may Your pure and healthy blood circulate in my ailing organism, and may Your pure and healthy body transform my weak body, and may a healthy and vigorous life throb within me, if it is truly Your holy will. Amen.

O BLOOD AND WATER WHICH FLOWED OUT FROM THE HEART OF JESUS AS A FOUNTAIN OF MERCY FOR US, I TRUST IN YOU!



Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, Have Mercy on us and on the whole world. Amen.

3 O’CLOCK PRAYER

“You died Jesus, but the source of life flowed out for souls and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fountain of Life immeasurable Divine Mercy, cover the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.”

“O Blood and Water which flowed out from the heart of Jesus as a Fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in you!”

“Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One have mercy on us and on the whole world.” (3x) Amen.

Jesus, King of Mercy, I trust in you!

MANILA -- President Rodrigo R. Duterte on Thursday ordered the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) to enhance their efforts against the illegal recruitment of overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) in the Middle East.

Recalling his experience as Davao City mayor, Duterte shared a story about three young Filipino women being illegally recruited to “work to death every day” under poor conditions.

He lamented how some Arab tribes not only treated OFWs like “slaves” but also abused them sexually, which he said led to the rise in the number of suicide cases.

“That’s the reason why some of our countrymen just jump out of the window. The highest rate of foreign workers, nagsu-suicide (who take their own lives). They cannot just endure maybe the human degradation,” Duterte said during the awarding ceremony of the 2018 Presidential Award for Child-Friendly Municipalities and Cities in Malacañang.

“Well, sometimes it’s a very sad thing to be here knowing that there is still aplenty of Filipinos going abroad,” he added.

Duterte directed Social Welfare Secretary Rolando Bautista to come up with a “structure” to prevent illegal recruitment and human trafficking cases in the Middle East.

“I am sending him a message now that you have to do more. Since you are a military man, then I hope you can come up with a structure -- a bigger one to go after itong (this) recruitment. And so goes for the

Department of Labor and everybody,” he said. “My orders are really to get them. You should know where to fish for them. And return them to the water because they are fish.”

Duterte has repeatedly expressed his desire for the government to control and supervise the recruitment

process of OFWs.

Last July, Duterte said there should be a separate Department of Overseas Filipino Workers (DOFWs) established by the end of the year to prevent abusive recruiters from harming more Filipinos.

More than 30 bills proposing the creation of a sep-

Duterte approves creation of PH Railways Institute

MANILA -- President Rodrigo Duterte approved the creation of the Philippine Railways Institute (PRI) to ensure efficient, reliable and safe railway transportation services in the country.

Under Executive Order 96, which the President signed on November 21, the PRI will be placed under the administrative supervision of the Department of Transportation (DOTr) and will serve as the planning, implementing, and regulatory agency for human resources development in the railway sector.

“There is an urgent need to develop the human resource capacities of railways personnel to ensure their availability and competence, and guarantee their compliance with generally accepted standards of practice, as well as the rules and regulations pertaining to the safety, operation, and maintenance of railways,” the EO reads.

It also acknowledges that the transportation sector, which includes the railway industry, has been identified as a priority sector under Ambisyon Nation 2040, where investments should be complemented by appropriate human capital development.

Powers and functions

The PRI will be in charge of developing, formulating and recommending plans, programs, standards, and guide-

lines on the development of personnel in the railway sector, as well as promoting safety in train operations, and establishing and administering a comprehensive human resources development program for railway personnel.

The EO tasked the PRI to coordinate with government agencies to assist in the formulation of guidelines on human resources development and other matters.

These agencies include the Department of Education, the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, the Commission on Higher Education, Professional Regulation Commission, and the University of the Philippines National Center for Transportation Studies.

Other functions and powers are: To prescribe rules and regulations for the issuance of certificates attesting to the competence of railway personnel, including train drivers; prescribe rules and regulations for the accreditation of training facilities of railways operators and independent training centers; and assist in the enforcement of laws, rules and regulations in the field of human resources development for the railways sector.

It is also tasked to determine and collect reasonable fees, dues or assessments relative to certificates and accreditations issued under this Or-

arate OFWs department have been filed at the House of Representatives and the Senate.

At present, the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration, an attached agency of the DOLE, is in charge of regulating all recruitment agencies in the Philippines. (PNA)

der, and all training and services to be administered by the PRI.

Moreover, it is allowed to accept donations, grants, services and assistance of all kinds from private and public sources, foreign governments, and international institutions, and use them so long as they are approved by the President or his authorized representative.

Organizational structure

As for its organizational structure, the PRI will consist of appropriate divisions on training, certification and accreditation, and research and development.

An Executive Director (ED), with the rank of an undersecretary who will be appointed by the President, will lead the agency.

The ED will be in charge of the day-to-day operations of the PR, exercise control over its personnel, and submit to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) the institute’s organizational structure as approved by the Transportation Secretary.

Qualifications for the ED are a master’s degree in a related field and experience in the administration, management or implementation of transportation capacity development programs.

The initial budget of the PRI will be sourced from the available funds of the DOTr while appropriations for the succeeding years shall be incorporated in the annual budget proposal of the DOTr. (PNA)

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