

POLICY GUIDELINES ON HSAUWCPI AKA UCP AND ICFPI

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In pursuance to the policy statement enunciated by the Department of Justice (DOJ) on 24 March 1997 on the cases of the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity Philippines Incorporated (HSAUWCPI) aka Moonies aka Unification Church of the Philippines (UCP) and the Ideal Community Foundation Philippines Incorporated (ICFPI), the following policy guidelines are hereby promulgated:

1. The Bureau of Immigration shall give due course to the petitions for pre-arranged employment [9(g)] visa or its extension, of HSAUWCPI @ Moonies @ UCP and the ICFPI in behalf of their missionaries in the Philippines against whom no probable cause was found by the Panel of State Prosecutors of the DOJ for violation of the provisions of the Revised Penal Code, R.A. No. 6955 (Anti-Mail-Order Bride Law) and R.A. No. 8042 (Illegal Recruitment by a Syndicate Law), unless there are other legal obstacles to their applications;
2. Hold Departure Orders shall be issued to the members and officers of these two organizations who have been determined to be probably guilty of the crimes under the above-mentioned laws;
3. Names of Filipina brides who participated in the International Holy Wedding on 23 January 1996 at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC) shall remain in the Hold Departure List of the Bureau pending final resolution of the complaint against them for violation of Article 350 of the Revised Penal Code. Hence, no BI Intelligence Clearance shall be issued in their favor which is a requirement of the Department of Foreign Affairs in their application for Philippine Passport except:
 - a. When it can be shown by competent documents that their destination is not South Korea; and
 - b. When they are seeking overseas employment thru licensed recruitment agencies.
4. To prove exceptions in Section 3, applicant must submit to the Bureau a Certification, under oath, by either the President or General Manager of the recruitment firm on the following:
 - a. that the firm is duly registered with the appropriate government agency like the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), and the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA);
 - b. that its license by the POEA is still valid and subsisting;
 - c. that applicant will be deployed to a specific country which is not South Korea;
 - d. an undertaking to assume responsibility over applicant's deployment to any country other than South Korea; and
 - e. that as evidenced of those averments, the following documents are submitted:
 - e.1 POEA-certified true copy of the license of the recruitment agency;
 - e.2 POEA-approved and accredited job order;

e.3 POEA-approved signed contract for overseas employment.

5. Bureau of Immigration shall secure a complete and updated list of licensed recruitment agencies from the POEA; and

6. This guidelines shall take effect immediately.

Adopted: 9 May 1997

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