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WIDESPREAD PRACTICE OF FILIPINA DOMESTIC HELPERS ENTERING MALAYSIA BEARING PASSPORTS UNDER NAMES NOT THEIR OWN

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The Philippine Embassy in Malaysia reported the serious concern of the Malaysian Government over the increasing number of cases of Filipina domestic helpers who enter Malaysia carrying passports with assumed names. The practice is being resorted to in order to circumvent the Malaysian ruling requiring foreign domestics to leave Malaysia for at least six (6) months after termination of contract before they can work in Malaysia again.

In this connection, agencies are hereby enjoined to help ensure that OCWs they recruit and deploy to Malaysia use passports bearing their true names.

The cooperation of all agencies concerned shall go a long way toward maintaining the integrity of the Philippine passport and at the same time, foster goodwill with the Malaysian government.

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