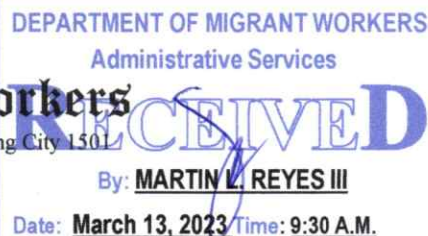




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VIOLATION OF NO-FEE CHARGING POLICY IN CANADA

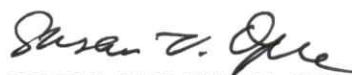
The public is hereby informed of a recent incident of violation of no-fee charging policy which involves Grewal Immigration Services Ltd., a Canada-based immigration office.

The Migrant Workers Office (MWO) in Canada has been informed that the said office in Edmonton, Alberta has been recruiting Filipino workers for various positions under the guise of "immigration service" which is a prohibited act under the provincial and federal laws of Canada.

Moreover, the company charges a total of \$6,000 for its "professional fees" excluding government fees and taxes as embodied in their "Engagement Letter." Under Canada's Immigration and Refugee Protections, charging recovery fees and costs from foreign workers during application and recruitment process is prohibited. In the same manner, provincial regulations also prohibit employers, individuals, or relevant entities including immigration consultants and third-party representatives from charging workers, directly or indirectly, any fees in connection with the recruitment of a foreign national.

In light of this, everyone is strongly advised against engaging the services of the abovementioned immigration service and other companies with the same method of recruitment.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.


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