

**PHILIPPINE EMBASSY-POLO CONDUCTS POST ARRIVAL ORIENTATION SEMINAR (PAOS) FOR NEWLY-ARRIVED FILIPINO WORKERS IN THE KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN**

**23 November 2018** – The Philippine Embassy conducted the Post Arrival Orientation Seminar (PAOS) for newly arrived domestic workers in Bahrain at the Embassy lobby. Around seventy-seven (77) Domestic Workers were oriented on the culture, relevant immigration laws and regulations in the Kingdom, as well as the different services and assistance provided by the Embassy to OFWs. The seminar was spearheaded by the Philippine Overseas Labor Office.

Ambassador Alfonso A. Ver delivered an inspirational message to the domestic workers, recognizing their hard work and informed them that they are always welcome in the Embassy. He shared his contact number and advised the domestic workers to call him directly if they are in distress.

Consul Maria Paz Cortes shared relevant information on the culture and relevant laws and regulations in Bahrain. Ms. Lorna A. Bacolong discussed POLO's programs and services including the rights and obligations of the domestic workers as stipulated in their employment contracts. Vice-Consul Joaquin Ricardo Aragon discussed the different services of the Embassy for the welfare of the Filipinos staying in Bahrain. Welfare Officer Redina C. Manlapaz presented the OWWA programs and services, while Mr. Edre Bayno and Ms. Alistair Pamela Sicat presented their SSS and PAG-IBIG programs and services, respectively.

Labor Attachè Vicente M. Cabe gave the closing remarks by thanking all the participants, and the Bahrain manpower agencies as well as the Bahrain Recruiters Society, for their cooperation and continued support for the program.



Welcome remarks by H.E. Ambassador Alfonso A. Ver.



Registration of PAOS participants



Bahrain's culture and relevant immigration laws discussed by Consul General Maria Paz Cortes



POLO's Programs & Services for OFWs discussed by Ms. Lorna A. Bacolong



ATN and Consular Services of the Embassy discussed by Vice Consul Joaquin Ricardo Aragon



OWWA Program and Services by Welfare Officer Redina C. Manlapaz





SSS Programs and Services by SSS Representative  
Edre G. Bayno



Pag-IBIG Programs and Services by Pag-IBIG  
Representative Alistair Pamela S.A. Sicat



Closing Remarks by Labor Attachè Vicente M. Cabe