



Labor Undersecretary Danilo Cruz and Ministry of Labor Deputy Minister for International Cooperation shaking hands over a long conference table, initialing the draft agreement.

19 March 2013 - The Philippines-Saudi Arabia Joint Technical Working Group (TWG) convened at the Ministry of Labor (MOL) in Riyadh to discuss and mutually agree on the provisions of the draft Agreement on Domestic Worker Recruitment on March 16.

The proposed agreement aims to enhance Philippine-Saudi cooperation on the recruitment of Filipino domestic workers, and seeks to protect the rights of both the worker and the employer and regulate the contractual relations between them.

The Philippine side was led by the Philippine Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Undersecretary Danilo P. Cruz and included Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) Administrator Hans Leo Cacdac, Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) Deputy Administrator Mr. Josefino Torres, and Department of Foreign Affairs Executive Director for Middle East and Africa Mr. Nathaniel Imperial. Philippine Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Ezzedin Tago, Vice Consul Paulo Saret, and Labor Attachés Adam Musa and Alejandro Padaen joined the Philippine delegation during the talks.

The Saudi side included the Ministry of Labor Director General for Bilateral Affairs Mr. Waleed Orainan, and Messrs. Mohammad Al Toraibi and Mohammad Al Sharka.



From left to right: DFA Executive Director Nathaniel Imperial, POEA Administrator Hans Labor Undersecretary Dr. Ahmad Al-Fahaid, Labor Undersecretary Danilo Cruz, Ambassador Deputy Administrator Josefino Torres, Labor Attaché Alejandro Padaen, Labor Attaché Adam Paulo Saret.

~~Philippine Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) and the Saudi Ministry of Labor and Social Security (MOLSS) have signed a bilateral agreement on domestic worker recruitment.~~



Ministry of Labor Vice Minister Dr. Mufrej Al-Haqbani received Labor Undersecretary Danilo Cruz and the Philippine Delegation.

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