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**TAIWAN RESUMES NORMAL PROCESSING OF OFW DOCUMENTS**

The Council of Labor Affairs (CLA) of Taiwan has announced that the verification process period of Filipino workers bound for Taiwan will return to normal, 7-12 working days, and will no longer take four (4) months.

CLA will now cooperate with their Ministry of Foreign Affairs to return to normal documentation verification for Philippine worker's applications. This development came in reference to the Philippine Government's expression of good will and regret to Taiwan in writing and its action regarding the case of Taiwanese suspects who were deported to China.

As a sign of protest against the Philippines, the CLA raised the verification standards and extended the processing period for employers hiring foreign workers for the first time including the following categories: first hiring, re-hiring, visa permit and replacements.

Employers who were affected by CLA's earlier restriction policy but still would like to hire Filipino workers shall be allowed to alter the procedure within the valid permit letter and need not apply for a change at CLA.

For further inquiries, concerned employers may contact the CLA at telephone number (02)-8590-2567.

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