

## SALAYSAY

Ako po si \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
ay kasalukuyang nagtratabaho sa Iraq at nais kong mag-apply para sa  
Authentication of Contract at Certification upang makakuha ng Overseas  
Employment Certificate (OEC) sa POEA.

Naipaliwanag sa akin ng Embahada na wala pang kasalukuyang  
guidelines ang POEA para sa lifting ng deployment ng mga pabalik na  
Filipino workers sa Iraq, ngunit nais kong masertipikahan bilang isang  
manggagawa sa Iraq.

**Nais kong ipa-authenticate ang aking kontrata at kumuha  
ng certification kahit wala pang bagong guidelines ang POEA at  
naintindihan ko ang paliwanag na ito ng Embahada.**

Pangalan: \_\_\_\_\_

Lagda: \_\_\_\_\_

Petsa: \_\_\_\_\_

### Status of Selective Balik Manggagawa Program

- ✚ **Clarification:** The deployment ban to Iraq was never lifted since 2014. The Selective Balik Manggagawa Program was initiated by the Embassy to address the concerns of Filipino workers in Iraq who were already in **BEFORE** the deployment ban in 2014.

POEA issued Governing Board resolution in 2018 granting the Embassy's endorsement to allow the Filipino workers in Iraq to go to the Philippines and return to Iraq. POEA issued guidelines/requirements that a worker should submit at POEA for the latter to process and issue the Overseas Employment Certificate (OEC) to allow returning Filworkers to Iraq.

The PHL Govt issued a deployment ban on returning Filipino workers to Iraq in January 2020 due to the US-Iran tension.

The COVID 19 pandemic aggravated the situation when borders were closed all over the world, including Iraq.

**THE EMBASSY NOTES THAT ONLY POEA COULD LIFT THE DEPLOYMENT BAN AND ALLOW THE WORKERS TO RETURN TO IRAQ.**

- ✚ **Status:** The Embassy has repeatedly recommended the lifting of the **ban on returning workers to Iraq**. However, the Embassy has yet to receive instructions from the POEA/DFA regarding this matter.

For those who want their documents to be processed in preparation for OEC application, the EMBASSY does not encourage it BUT will not deny it provided that the applicant will sign a waiver that it is not a guarantee that he/she will be issued an OEC pending the lifting of the deployment ban to Iraq.

