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PRA's Stand on Chinese Nationals in PH

In line with the influx of Chinese nationals allegedly working in the country doing jobs expressly reserved by law to Filipino nationals to the prejudice of the state, the Philippine Retirement Authority (PRA), a government agency created by virtue of EO 1037, through its General Manager & Chief Executive Officer, Atty. Bienvenido Chy, issues its clarificatory order.

“As an agency mandated to issue Special Resident Retiree’s Visas (SRRVs) to foreign nationals, and considering the fact that Chinese Nationals have consistently been one of the top SRRV holders, we find it necessary to issue the clarificatory order specifying our policies on the conversion of visa of Chinese nationals holding a 9A visa to SRRV,” emphasized by GM/CEO Chy.

Chinese nationals whose valid 9A visa with restrictions “*Not Valid for Study, Employment, or Practice of Profession*” has been converted to SRRV may engage in gainful employment in the Philippines provided they secure an Alien Employment Permit (AEP) issued by the Department of Labor & Employment (DOLE). Violation of the same shall result to the automatic revocation of the SRRV.

However, the application of foreign nationals with a valid 9A visa with restriction of “*No Conversion*” should, under no circumstances, be accepted for processing and further conversion to SRRV.

The order is for dissemination, and due notice furnished to all concerned especially PRA’s Accredited Marketers.

PRA is mandated to develop and promote the Philippines as a retirement haven to foreign nationals and former Filipinos with SRRV. As a public office conferred with public trust, PRA is accountable to the public, and shall in no way allow the use of SRRV to circumvent the law.