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The Philippine Consulate General in San Francisco wishes to apprise the Filipino Community of a scam targeting persons seeking visa and residence/work permits to Canada and the United States.

Scammers pose as immigration law firms, visa travel companies, organizations or even as official governmental agencies offering professional support to help individuals and families migrate to another country for study, or to live and work permanently abroad, guaranteeing high-paid jobs.

Victims are asked to provide assessments for language ability (i.e. IELTS Test), and submit personal documents such as birth certificates and passport copies, academic certificates and the like to a website or portal, and are further instructed to pay for training courses or administrative fees through wire transfers to a specific money transfer agency, as part of the application process.

Persons from the African continent have been recent targets of the modus operandi and were fleeced of up to USD10,000.00 in fees, only to find out that they were denied visas that they applied for.

Victims of such modus are enjoined to share information that could lead to the arrest of persons perpetrating such scams. For inquiries, you may email atn@philippinesanfrancisco.org to reach out to the Philippine Consulate.

For the public's information.

