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CANADA'S LABOUR SHORTGAGE - A POSSIBLE SOLUTION

Ottawa, Ontario-- Many employers across Canada face a shortage of workers to fill jobs in many industries. There is a shortage of health care workers in hospitals, long term care facilities, nursing and retirement homes causing long delays for patient treatment, nursing and caregiving. A similar situation is faced in the construction, mining, lumber, and service industries, to name a few.

Both federal and provincial governments have recognized the problem and found an innovative solution by bringing into Canada foreign workers from such countries as the Philippines. More recently Manitoba and Saskatchewan have sent delegations to the Philippines to recruit health care workers. According to Nick Oosterveen, head of the immigration program at the Canadian Embassy in Manila, Philippines, it was only recently that Canada recognized the need for skilled foreign workers and has put in place a series of specific requirements both to protect foreign workers and to fast track workers through the immigration process.

On Friday, October 3, 2008, the Embassy of the Philippines, the Canada Philippines Business Council,



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and Ottawa Centre for Research and Innovation will host a free business seminar on the recruitment of Philippine workers into Canada. This free information session will coincide with the visit to Ottawa of a visiting delegation of 40+ recruitment professionals from the Philippines who will be present at the seminar to meet interested employers and talk about recruitment of Philippine workers.

To meet this 40+ delegation of recruitment professionals and to learn more about employment of Philippine workers, participants are invited to register for this free information session by contacting the Canada Philippines Business Council at (613) 566-7045.