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EA Alert (13/2017): Employment Agencies Interested to Offer the Advance Placement Scheme for Foreign Domestic Workers

Dear EA Licensees and Key Appointment Holders,

1 The Ministry of Manpower (MOM) has concluded the pilot for the Advance Placement Scheme (APS) (www.mom.gov.sg/passes-and-permits/work-permit-for-foreign-domestic-worker/advance-placement-scheme) for Foreign Domestic Workers (FDWs). To recap, APS was proposed by the employment agency (EA) industry to enable faster deployment and better matching of FDWs with employers with caregiving needs through face-to-face interviews. 16 EAs embarked on the 1-year long pilot at staggered stages and the feedback received from them and employers have been encouraging. There is also interest from other EAs to participate in the scheme. We are hence expanding the Scheme to allow participation from up to 50 employment agencies which meet the following criteria :

- a) Reasonably good records: Currently not under investigation.
- b) Active participation in the scheme: Be able to place not lesser than 20 FDWs a month in the steady state to demonstrate your capacity to deploy APS FDWs.
- c) Security Bond/Banker's Guarantee of \$60K: To maintain Security Bond/Banker's Guarantee of \$60K throughout scheme period of 2 years

2 If you fulfil the above criteria and are interested to come onboard APS, please register your interest here at <https://goo.gl/forms/Ln93aoUs1wFtKSk83> to attend a briefing that will be held on 22 Aug 2017 (Tuesday). Seats for the briefing are limited and are available on a first-come-first-serve basis. Registrants who have signed up successfully for the briefing will receive a separate email confirming the time and venue of the session allocated for. Briefing registration will close on 18 Aug 2017 (Friday).

3 More information on APS proposal submission will be disseminated after the briefing session.

4 Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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