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Shoku-Hatsu No. 177

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Director of Employment
Security Bureau,
Ministry of Labor.

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To: Prefectural Governors.

Re: Acceptance of Job-application from Day-laborers.

As unemployment problem becomes serious more and more, the unemployed are inclined to apply PESO for day-labor. Recently I hear the rumor that some PESOs under your jurisdiction have been rejecting the application of such persons or placing restriction on issuing of the Employment Pocket-book. Such instance is contrary to the equal treatment specified in the Employment security Law and liable to be misunderstood, so that the instruction was already issued to the Metropolitan Governor of Tokyo. It is desired that the procedures for accepting job-application for day-labor should be unified as below.

1. All the job-applications of the applicants who desire the day work should be accepted if the contents thereof are not against the law or regulation, and the job-application cards should be made.
2. In case job-applicants throng to PESO and demand to accept their applications en bloc, if there is an intention to throw PESO activities in chaos, PESO should persuade them to make an interview with individual applicant peacefully and should not accept the applications en bloc.

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- 3. The acceptance of job-applications from day-laborers does not mean to guarantee their placement on the Work Relief Projects. In case the job-applicants are placed on the Work Relief Projects, they are required to cover on the "Criteria on Selection of Workers for Work Relief Projects", which was transmitted to your office through the "Gist on Execution of the Work Relief Projects" and the succeeding Ministerial notifications. Therefore, when such applications are received, the qualification of such applicants should be examined.
- 4. In order to distinguish the qualified persons from others in referral to Work Relief Projects, the Pocket Books of Day-laborers insured by Unemployment Insurance (hereinafter called "Insured Day-laborers Pocket Books") should be put the official stamp of PESO on the center of the upper part on the cover.

In addition, this measure is put into effect to the persons to whom the Insured Day-laborers Pocket Books were already delivered.

- 5. It should be publicized that persons marked in the preceding paragraph are not placed only on Work Relief Projects. Therefore, if such persons, despite having the ability to apply to the common job-openings, do not accept such referral and desire to work only in Work Relief Projects, such persons should not be excluded from employment exchange on the ground that they have not the will to work.
- 6. In case the unemployed can not find any job still after they are referred to such projects as private public works and the enterprises operated by the government agencies and the Occupation Forces, and absorbed in Work Relief Projects, the rotation system should be enforced in accordance with the Shoku-Hatsu No. 100 on Feb. 7, "Rotation

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System of Employment Exchange and Placement on Work Relief Projects.

7. In acceptance of job-application, enough interpretation should be given to job-applicants that neither acceptance of job-application nor putting of official stamp on the Insured Day-laborers' Pocket Book will guarantee their placement.

Such names as "Employment Pocket Book" and "Registered Number" used hitherto have been often misunderstood or brought about troubles. For the purpose of sweeping away such misunderstanding, the Employment Exchange Manual for Day-laborers will be amended in near future regarding the acceptance of job-application, but for the time being the following measures should be taken.

- (1) In case PESO accepts the job-application from day-laborer covered by Unemployment Insurance, PESO asks him to present his Insured Day-laborers' Pocket Book, enters the following matters on the upper left part, and puts PESO stamp used for the certificate of additional distribution for laborers for the purpose of preventing illegal entry.
- (a) Sorting number necessary for entering Placement Check Book.
 - (b) Kind of job to be recognized proper.
 - (c) Name of PESO which accepted the job-application.

In addition, the same measures are taken to the Insured Day-laborers' Pocket Books on which the stamp of Employment Pocket Book is put.

- (2) In case PESO receives the job-application from day-laborer not covered by Unemployment Insurance, PESO delivers to him the Application Receiving Card which has not a fixed form but contains acceptance

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number, name, kind of job, name of PESO, acceptance date etc.

If the Employment Pocket Books used hitherto are left, such books may be used if the terms of "Employment Pocket Book" and "Registered Number" are amended.

(3) When the bearer of the Application Receiving Card is covered by Unemployment Insurance Law, PESO causes him to take the procedure for obtaining the Insured Day-laborers' Pocket Book and enters the matters mentioned in the preceding (1) on the Book.

(4) The Employment Pocket Books used hitherto are abolished, and in entering of Placement Check Book, the sorting number or acceptance number mentioned already is used. Attention should be given to that the names of "Registered Number", "Registered Workers" etc. will not be used.

8. In case job-applicants demand that they be placed en bloc on Work Relief Projects, PESO personnel should interview individual applicant or their representative and persuade him that PESO is a machine to combine job-applications with job-orders and that at present the balance between job-applications and job-orders is not kept despite a positive job-order cultivation by PESO.

Also in case PESO activities are checked with their action, PESO may reject to interview them.

9. In case a person who has not ability to work in private enterprise and public works etc. applies to PESO, if he is recognized as the needy, PESO should refer him to Welfare Committee of the Community because it is natural that he should be protected by the Daily Life Security Law.

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"On Strengthening and Reformation of the Management of Work Relief Projects" Abridgement of the Instruction (Ministry of Labor Shoku-Hatsu No. 51, addressed to Prefectural Governors from Vice-Minister of Labor)

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4. Others

With the launching of give-us-work struggles, such demands as (1) payment of allowance for non-job day, (2) payment of transportation fares, (3) payment of lunch expenses during the hours of negotiation, etc., will be made. However, as it is clearly shown in the State Subsidies, such expenditure items are not included in the State Subsidies for work relief projects. Therefore, strict attention should be paid not to pay these allowances out of the said budget.

In addition, the payment of the above-mentioned allowances out of the budgets of local public utility enterprises is to be avoided as often as possible.

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