

# Announcement of Special EPS-TOPIK

According to the MOU on the Sending of Workers between the Ministry of Employment and Labor of the Republic of Korea (MOEL) and the Ministry of Foreign Employment, Special EPS-TOPIK for those who voluntarily returned home within their permitted sojourn period and want to come back for work in Korea will be conducted as follows.

All job seekers who want to work in Korea under the Employment Permit System should pass the EPS-TOPIK, implemented by the Human Resources Development Service of Korea (HRD Korea) authorized by the MOEL, and only those who passed the test are allowed to submit the job application form for EPS.

## 1. Test Schedule

Registration Period	Announcement Of test date	Test Period	Announcement of test result	Age Requirements
May 6~8	May 22	Jun 1 ~	Jun 22	May 7, 1975 ~ May 6, 1997

\* The schedule can be changed according to EPS circumstances.

○ **1st session (35persons)**

- **Orientation: 08:30~09:30, - Test time: 09:30~10:40**

○ **2nd session (35persons)**

- **Orientation: 10:50~11:50, - Test time: 11:50~13:00**

\* All examinees must be in the test room before the orientation time.

## **2. (Allowed) Type of Industry: Manufacturing, Agriculture/Livestock, Construction, Fishing, Service**

\* If an applicant wants to be applied for a designated recommendation to his/her last workplace (employer) where he/she had worked more than a year should select the same industry of the workplace. For this reason, applicants should be select the industry carefully considering the mentioned condition.

## **3. The (expected) number of passers : To be announced**

- The number of passer will be announced later separately in the order of the high scores among the applicants who scored more than 80 points out of 200 regardless of industry.

## **4. Test Place and date Announcement**

- **Test Place : CBT(Computer Based Test) Examination Room No.205, Borella Road, Depanama , Pannipitiya**
- **Announcement Method**
  - website of EPS-TOPIK(<http://www.epstopik.hrdkorea.or.kr>)
  - the website of SLBFE
- Eligible list of qualified applicants will be published on SLBFE website on 05.05.2015

## **5. Qualifications(Eligibility)**

- Reemployed workers who voluntarily leave within their permitted sojourn period (Time of returning: Not before January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010)
- Persons aged between 18 and 39
  - \* Persons born between May 7, 1975 and May 6, 1997
- Persons who have not been convicted of imprisonment or heavier punishment
- Persons who have no record of deportation or departure orders from the

Republic of Korea

- Persons who are not restricted from departure of home country

## 6. Registration Procedure

- Period: May 6~8, 2015 (For 3 days)
- Place: Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment  
No.234 , Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha , Koswatta, Battaramulla
- Method: Individual-Visit-Registration
- Required documents
  - Copy of passport on their returning home (for proving he/she is a voluntary returnee)
  - Application form (Free distribution at the registration place, only to the applicants who paid the test fee)
    - ※ Registration numbers are written on each application form, and one applicant can Receive and submit one application form. If there is any error in an application form, correct it with correction fluid or tape and submit it.
  - A copy of passport
    - ※ A copy of passport is required to be attached on the application form
    - ※ It is preferable to attach a copy of passport written in English (especially name)
  - 2 photographs of 3.5 x 4.5cm (taken within 6 months)
- Test fee: 24 USD (3264/=)
  - ※ If an applicant who has avoidable reasons cancel his/her registration during registration period, the applicant can get full refund. (However, re-application after cancellation is not allowed)
- Registration will be made in the order of receipt, and if the applicants overly applied an additional test date will be decided and the test will be conducted accordingly. Its date also will be announced on the announcement date of the designated test venue & date for each applicant.

## 7. Test Summary : June 1, 2015 ~

Question Structure	Number of questions	Total score	Time given
R/C	25	100	40 mins.

L/C	25	100	30 mins.
TOTAL	50	200	70 mins

- Test Structure & Allotment of Scores and passing standard
  - Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ).
  - R/C and L/C will be implemented continuously without a break.
- All of the questions are to be taken from closed question bank based on “The Standard Textbook for EPS-TOPIK”.
- Items to prepare on the test day
  - Admission Ticket
  - Passport
    - ※ All applicants are required to bring his/her passport of which is the same with the one posted on his/her application form
    - ※ No applicant is allowed to take the test without passport

## 8. Announcement of Test Result

- Announcement Date : June 22, 2015
- Announcement Method
  - Notice board of the SLBFE
  - Website of the Employment Permit System(<http://www.eps.go.kr>)
  - Website of the EPS-TOPIK (<http://epstopik.hrdkorea.or.kr>)
- Validity period of test result is 2 years(effect on the date of result)

## 9. Other Information

- If an applicant is confirmed as a non-voluntary returnee, his/her test result will be considered invalid even he/she passes the test and the applicant should take full responsibility on that.
- Those who pass the test will benefit from a shortened reentering procedures including faster job registration and placement, and exemption from pre-departure training.
- On the test day, mobile phones, cassette players, PDA, MP3 player, electronic dictionaries, and other electronic devices which are possibly used in cheating during the test are highly prohibited.
- Test will be void, and examinees will NOT be eligible for taking the test

for 2 years in case of cheating during the test.

- If an applicant's personal information on the passport is not exactly the same as the one on the application form (name, date of birth, and gender), their registration to the EPS job seekers' roster and entry to Korea is not permitted in any case, and the applicant is fully responsible for any problem caused by the differences in their personal information.
- For improvement of Proficiency in Korean, all of the questions are to be taken from closed question bank based on "The Standard Textbook for EPS-TOPIK".

"The Standard Textbook for EPS-TOPIK" has been uploaded on the webpage as follows and applicants can download it for free.

**<the list of webpage you can download the Standard Textbook>**

Section	Contents	Address of webpage
Homepage of HRD Korea	Textbook file (PDF, Sound source)	<a href="http://www.hrdkorea.or.kr/3/3/3/1/2">http://www.hrdkorea.or.kr/3/3/3/1/2</a>
Homepage of EPS-TOPIK	Textbook file (PDF, Sound source)	<a href="http://epstopik.hrdkorea.or.kr">http://epstopik.hrdkorea.or.kr</a>

Note that there is a webpage for a computer-based practice of EPS-TOPIK:

※ URL: [epstopik.hrdkorea.or.kr](http://epstopik.hrdkorea.or.kr) → English homepage → Experience

- ◆ Passing the special EPS-TOPIK only guarantees the qualification for job application for EPS, and does not guarantee the employment in Korea.
- ◆ Moreover, persons who are restricted from the employment in Korea, such as those who do not pass the medical examination or who have the record of illegal stay in Korea, cannot be employed in Korea.
- ◆ According to MOU on between Ministry of Employment and Labor of the Republic of Korea and the Ministry of Foreign Employment of Sri Lanka, only SLBFE has the legal authority to send Sri Lankan workers to the Republic of Korea. Only the job seekers who passed the EPS-TOPIK and registered on the roster by SLBFE can be hired by Korean Employers. If any other private sectors are involved in procedure for sending workforce, there will be the legal punishment for those acts.
- ◆ It costs 24 USD(Rs 3264/=.) for an applicant to take Special EPS-TOPIK and only the certain amount of money noticed officially as a sending cost by SLBFE during the registration period of a job application form will cost you for entering Korea under the EPS. Besides, except SLBFE, any other agency or person is not allowed to be related to employment procedures of EPS. For this reason, all applicants should be aware of this fact and protect themselves from any damages or losses caused by anyone or any other agencies' absurd (deceiving) proposal related to recommendation or employment in Korea under the EPS.

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