

# Announcement of Test of Proficiency in Korean (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 (MFE), the 14<sup>th</sup> Test of Proficiency in Korean (EPS-TOPIK) in Sri Lanka is to 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.

**Held by** : Ministry of Employment and Labor of the Republic of Korea

**Implemented by:** Human Resources Development service of Korea

**Cooperated by:** Ministry of Foreign Employment and Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment

**(Supervision of examination duties will be conducted by the Department of examination Sri Lanka)**

## 1. Test Schedule: June 13<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) ~ 14<sup>th</sup> (Sunday), 2015 [2days]

- 10:30~11:40(Session 1),
- 14:30~15:40(Session 2)
- All examinees must show up by the designated time (09:30 for the session 1, 13:30 for the session 2) at the designated test room of the designated test venue.

## 2. (Allowed) Type of Industry: Manufacturing

- All applicants of 14<sup>th</sup> EPS-TOPIK can only choose 'Manufacturing' for selection of the type of industry. Choice of other type of industry is not allowed. Basically, your choice of industry cannot be changed afterwards, so please consider the industry carefully.

## 3. The (expected) number of passers for each industry:

Industry	(Expected) number of passers	Passing standard
Manufacturing	To be Announced	Passers for each industry will be selected based on their test results(from the top scorer) among those who scored more than 80 points(Full score : 200 points)

※ The number of passers can be changed according to the circumstance (such as quota per industry and manpower demand, etc.)

#### 4. Notice for Test Venue and Time: June 5<sup>th</sup> (Friday), 2015

- Test venue and time will be announced on the website of the SLBFE and the bulletin board of each registration place.

#### 5. Requirements

- a. Persons aged between 18 and 39  
(Persons born between June 15, 1975 and June 14, 1997)
- b. Persons who have not been convicted of imprisonment or heavier punishment
- c. Persons who have no record of deportation or departure orders from the Republic of Korea
- d. Persons who are not restricted from departure of home country

#### 6. Registration procedure

- a. Period: April. 27<sup>th</sup> (Monday), 2015 ~ April 30<sup>th</sup> (Thursday), 2015 [for 4 days]
  - Hours: 09:00 ~ 16:00
  - Registration Place of Each Region:

	<b>District</b>	<b>Centre/ Application Place</b>	<b>Address</b>
01	Anuradhapura	Anuradhapura (SLBFE)	Regional Office- Anuradhapura, 395/12A, Muditha Mawatha, Kada 50, Anuradhapura
02	Badulla	Badulla (SLBFE )	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lane ,Singhapura , bogahamadiththa,Haliela
03	Colombo	Athurugiriya (SLBFE)	National Institute of Plantation Management, M.D.H. Jayawardena Mawatha, Athurugiriya
04	Colombo	Rathmalana (SLBFE )	Training Centre- Rathmalana, 21/1C, 1 <sup>st</sup> Lane, Piriwena Road, Rathmalana
05	Galle	Galle (SLBFE )	Training Centre- Galle, No. 289, Colombo Road, Mahamodara, Galle
06	Gampaha	Kadawatha (SLBFE )	Training Centre- Kadawatha, 62/2/A,

			Eligahawatta, Kandy Road, Kadawatha
07	Hambantota	Tangalle (SLBFE )	Provincial Migrant Resource Centre, Yaya Watte, Godigamuwa, Tangalle
08	Kandy	Kandy (SLBFE )	Regional Office- Kandy, 123, Anagarika Dharmapala Mawatha, Buwelikada, Kandy
09	Kegalle	Kegalle (SLBFE )	Training Centre- Kegalle, 562/1/A, Kandy Road, Meepitiya, Kegalle
10	Kurunegala	Kurunegala (SLBFE )	Training Centre- Kurunegala, 208A, Colombo Road, Wehera, Kurunegala
11	Matara	Matara (SLBFE )	Regional Office – Matara, 381B, Kumaratunga Mw, Pamburana, Matara
12	Rathnapura	Rathnapura (SLBFE )	Regional Office – Rathnapura, 6/A, Bandaranayaka Mawatha, Rathnapura
13	Trincomalee	Trincomalee (SLBFE )	Training Centre- Trincomalee, 344, 4th Mile Post, Kandy Road, Trincomalee
14	Vavuniya	Vavuniya (SLBFE )	Training Centre- Vavuniya, No.05, 10 <sup>th</sup> Lane, Vairavar Kovil Road, Vairavar Puliyamkulama, Vavuniya
15	Jaffna	Jaffna (SLBFE )	No. 56, Chapel Street , Jaffna
16	Polonnaruwa	Polonnaruwa(SLBFE)	No.63, new Town Road, Polonnaruwa

b. Registration method: Registration by visit

c. Required documents

- Application form (Free distribution at registration places)

- ※ Application 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 before submits it.

- **A copy of passport**

- ※ A copy of passport is required to be attached on the application form (reduced up to size 84% from the normal size)
- ※ If an applicant's personal information on the passport is not exactly the same as the one on the application form, their 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.

- . Therefore, applicants are strongly advised to make their passports before the registration, if possible.
  - ※ We will use the personal information (name, date of birth, and gender) written on the application form and the applicant's photo attached on the application form for their future employment in Korean, and these are not changeable in any case.
  - ※ **Only "Passport" can be accepted.** Other certificates such as NIC, driver's license, student's card, certificate for those who have lost their passport, etc. are not accepted.
- 2 Color photographs of 3.5 x 4.5cm (taken within 3 months)
- ※ If a photo is unable to identify, he/she couldn't take a test.

d. Test fee

○ Test Fee: 24 USD (Rs.3252/= )

- ※ Applicants with valid reasons to cancel the registration during registration period, the applicant can receive full refund. (However, re-application after cancellation is not allowed)

## 7. Test Summary

Question Structure	Number of questions	Total score	Time given
Reading	25	100	40mins.
Listening	25	100	30mins.
TOTAL	50	200	70mins

a. Test Structure & Allotment of Scores and passing standard

- Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ).
- Listening and Reading test will be implemented continuously without a break.
- Passing standard : Passers(for each industry) will be selected based on the test result(from the top scorer) among those who scored more than 80 points(Full score : 200 points)
- All of the questions are to be taken from closed question bank based on "The Standard Textbook for EPS-TOPIK".

b. Necessary items for test

- Examinee's Admission Ticket (will be distributed on the registration day)
- Passport
- Applicants must bring his/her Passport identical to the one posted on his/her application form.
- No applicant is allowed to take the test without passport
- Black felt-tip pens or ball point pens for marking the answer sheet for the Optical Character Reader (OCR)
- ※ Answers marked with other writing materials (pencils, blue pens, etc) will be regarded as wrong answers.

- ※ One answer sheet will be distributed to each applicant only once and any replacement or correction is not allowed. Besides, correction of answers on the answer sheet with correction fluid or tapes will be regarded as wrong answer.

## **8. Announcement of Test Result**

a. Announcement Date: July 3<sup>rd</sup> (Friday.), 2015

b. Announcement Method

- Bulletin board of SLBFE
- Website of SLBFE(<http://www.slbfe.lk>)
- Website of the Employment Permit System(<http://www.eps.go.kr>)
- Website of the EPS-TOPIK (<http://epstopik.hrdkorea.or.kr>)

c. Validity period of test results (for passers)

: July. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 ~ July. 2<sup>th</sup>, 2017

(For 2 years from the date of test result announcement)

d. How to find out a test results for individual

- Searching in a website([www.eps.go.kr](http://www.eps.go.kr))

## **9. Implementation of the Skills test**

- Passers can take an additional skills test if they want. Detailed schedule will be announced with the test result of the EPS-TOPIK.  
※ Candidates with excellent results in the skills test would be recommended to Korean employers preferably (Those who have vocational qualifications , the certificate should be submitted at the test day)

## **10. Additional Information**

- 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 for applicants to bring to the test venue. If examinee have or use them in the test venue, he/she will be regarded as cheater.
- Test will be void, and examinees will NOT be eligible for taking the EPS-TOPIK 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".

- **Passing the 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.
- Pursuant to MOU between the Ministry of Employment and Labor of Republic of Korea and the Ministry of Foreign Employment, only "SLBFE" has the legal rights regarding sending Sri Lankan workforce to Korea.
- Only the job seekers who passed 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.
- Under the EPS, it costs 24 USD (Rs.3252/=) for an applicant to take EPS-TOPIK application and SLBFE will officially notice only a certain amount of money as a sending cost during the registration period of a job application to enter Korea. 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.