

Uplifters holds year-end party



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participants. This module is open to those who have completed the two previous courses.

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\$4,520 so agencies are allowed to collect only \$452 or around P3,000.

Imperial said her agency in Hong Kong offered her a job as a domestic worker in August 2017. At first, she paid a down payment of P10,000 on August 9, 2017.

She then paid another P10,000 when she met the owner of the agency in a hotel in Manila. After Imperial had her Pre-Departure Orientation Seminar, she paid P40,000 on October 30, 2017.

She added that she also paid P23,000 for her training and medical exams. Imperial said she did not know that she could file a complaint until Mission members approached her and her friends in their hangout in Tamar Park in Admiralty.

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Date: January 26th 2019 (Saturday)

Time: 9 am - 5 pm

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Its second module is a year-long coaching course designed to support students in reaching their financial and personal goals and is open to those who have completed the first module.

The third module is a two-week course to develop leadership skills to become an Uplifters team leader for "Dare to Dream"

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