

## NEWSLETTER

We are excited to share some updates about what's been going on at PNI International!

### Ivan's Journey



# OFW'S SUCCESS STORY

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## A New Era Of Opportunity: Construction Industry In New Zealand

"Always take calculated risk because you only live once. And whatever happens, keep moving forward." These are the insightful remarks shared by *Ivan Mikhail Mariano Sapalo* 31 years old from *Bais City, Negros Oriental* who faced the challenges during the pandemic, but now thriving with happiness in New Zealand and currently working in a Construction Industry.

over the past years, it has been quite challenging for everyone- including Ivan, "We are all affected by the Covid-19 Pandemic. Everyone was in difficulties and possibly at their lowest point. But for me, it was worse. It was right in the middle of Covid-19 pandemic when I finished my contract abroad. I went home on 2020 when the economy worldwide is down to its lowest, borders are closed, no jobs available local and international. My left arm was broken in February of 2021, and the radius of the bone is now covered in stainless steel. Imagine being unemployed, experiencing a pandemic, getting into an accident, and worrying about how you will feed your newborn kid in January 2021. I was feeling discouraged and was about to lose my mind. Those were incredibly challenging times for me." Ivan said.

Working abroad, for most Filipinos, is just the starting point in their journey of realizing their goals can be achievable. Today's OFWs story is great example, "It has always been my dream to work outside the Philippines. Whether or not it is in my line of work as long as the job pays well."

"In February 2023, I started my employment in New Zealand with the support of PNI International. PNI International is the best definition of what a safe, legit, fast, hospitable and accommodating recruitment agency. Having said that, that is how they helped me 'manifest' my goal to work abroad hassle-free! I like how PNI International is reliable agency from processing the documents to deployment, especially considering that it was during a pandemic."

"My greatest accomplishment to this point is that working in the construction industry with a multiple entry working visa here in New Zealand has many benefits, one of which is that, although it is not limited to construction industry but is highly favorable, is we have a good chance to acquire residency in a short period of time once we hit the criteria. Also, we are able to bring our family with us without a hassle. And right now, I'm waiting for both of our children to fly over in October 2023, along with my partner, who has a multiple entry, open working visa via a partnership program." Ivan stays optimistic despite all these challenges and keeps pushing forward.

Learning about Ivan's story we are confident that this kind of inspirational and success story will help us continue to grow and succeed in the years to come.

