

## **BLR Gears Up for 116<sup>th</sup> Labor Day Celebration in Cebu City**

The Bureau of Labor Relations (BLR), as member of the 2018 Labor Day Steering Committee, is spearheading the preparation for the Labor Day Event with the President in commemoration of the 116<sup>th</sup> Labor Day.

Almost 4,000 trade union leaders, workers from all sectors (youth, migrant, informal, formal, and public), businessmen, and employer sector representatives are invited to attend the Labor Day Event with the President at the IEC Convention Center of Cebu (IEC3).

President Rodrigo Roa Duterte is expected to pass through the site of Trabaho, Negosyo at Kabuhayan (TNK) Job and Business Fair at the IEC3 before delivering his Labor Day message, including his directives relative to persisting labor and employment issues. Similar to last year's Labor Day, raffle prizes will also be given away to workers participating in this May 1 event.

With the theme *Pagpupugay sa Manggagawang Pilipino: Dangal ng Lahi, Kabalikat sa Progresibong Pagbabago*, this year's celebration recognizes the contributions of workers in ensuring inclusive economic growth, emphasizes how the Filipino workers around the world continue to be the country's pride, and highlights the fruits of the more than a century of workers' struggle and the old or new challenges that confront the sector.

A separate forum on May 2 for workers in the informal economy sector and nationwide TNK Job and Business Fairs co-organized with the Department of Trade and Industry are also scheduled to the 2018 Labor Day.

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