

## **BLR and PTGWO Organize Para-Legal Skills Training for Trade Union Leaders**

The Bureau of Labor Relations (BLR) through its Workers' Organization Development Program (WODP), together with the Philippine Trade and General Workers Organization (PTGWO), organized a Para-Legal Skills Training for Trade Union Leaders in the National Capital Region on 26-28 April 2018 in Tagaytay City.

A total of 40 key leaders of different affiliates of PTGWO attended the training which aimed at equipping the participants with basic legal knowledge and skills relevant to labor disputes settlement and other engagements with labor courts. Participants were also oriented on the DOLE programs and services with respect to promotion of the right to self-organization.

“As one of the established and among the oldest labor federations in the country, the PTGWO finds this training necessary to seize the opportunity brought about by change from the new laws and regulations that are instituted by the Duterte Administration”, PTGWO President Atty. Arnel Dolendo said.

Participants took lessons and exercises on the roles and functions of paralegal trainees, grievance handling system, labor disputes settlement, legal research techniques and commitment building.

Atty. Dolendo expressed their gratitude to BLR for providing workers and their labor organizations opportunities for empowerment through the WODP.

WODP aims to enhance the capabilities of labor organizations and their members in the areas of leadership, organizational development and management through provision of training assistance and support.

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