

DOLE Holds the National Labor Forum on Securing Decent Jobs for the Future in Celebration of the 114th Labor Day

As part of the 114th Labor Day celebration, the Department of Labor and Employment, in collaboration with the International Labor Organization-Manila Office, spearheaded the National Labor Forum on Securing Decent Jobs for the Future at the Ichikawa Hall of the Occupational Safety and Health Center (OSHC) in Diliman, Quezon City on 30 April 2016.

Approximately three hundred (300) participants comprised of representatives from the Tripartite Executive Committee (TEC) and National Tripartite Industrial Peace Council (NTIPC), different labor organizations and federations, and other concerned government agencies participated in the forum. Also in attendance to witness the historic event were Civil Service Commission Chairperson Alicia Dela Rosa-Bala, DTI Undersecretary Zenaida Maglaya, DOE Undersecretary Raul B. Aguilos, ILO-Manila Country Office Director Khalid Hassan, ILO Enterprise Development Specialist Hideki Kagohashi, and DOLE senior officials and directors.

Highlighting the event was the signing of the *National Labor Sector Agenda*, which contains policy recommendations and strategies on securing decent work for the future. Representatives from the youth, women, formal, informal and migrant and public sectors presented the challenges on labor and employment.

Secretary Rosalinda Dimapilis-Baldoz lauded the participants for their unity and determination in presenting their aspirations and goals to bring about a brighter future of the world of work. She said that the DOLE and relevant government agencies, labor sector, employer sector and social partners will work together in sustaining the gains in terms of ensuring employability, guaranteeing the enjoyment of workers' rights, attaining universal coverage in social protection and maximizing social dialogue as a tool for achieving decent work outcomes.



The *National Labor Sector Agenda* was the output of the sectoral consultations held in Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao, wherein inputs or recommendations towards addressing challenges at work and securing decent jobs for all Filipino workers were gathered from consolidated. The global, regional and national perspectives were taken into consideration during the sectoral consultations through the key documents such as Sustainable Development Goals, Decent Work Agenda, 2015 Human Development Report, World Employment and Social Outlook 2016, ILO Centenary Initiatives, particularly the Future of Work Initiative, and the Philippine Labor and Employment Plan (LEP) 2011-2015 Assessment Report.

The Agenda would serve as input to the next labor and employment plan, which the DOLE will endorse as a sectoral plan contributing to the Philippine Development Plan 2016-2022.

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