

## **BLR Conducted Forum on Scaffolding**

Towards the formulation and implementation of policies that would ensure work safety in the construction industry, the Bureau of Labor Relations (BLR), with the support of the Construction Industry Tripartite Council (CITC), conducted a forum on scaffolding last March 4, 2016 at the Occupational Safety and Health Center, Diliman, Quezon City.

“[The forum] seeks to provide a different perspective on scaffolding by looking at the different practices and standards of other countries that can be adopted, if deemed best, to our country”, said Director Benavidez of the BLR.

“The DOLE, as policy-maker, issues rules and regulations that set the standards to ensure safety of workers. However, this standards do not hinder us from looking at the best practices of other countries”, Benavidez added.



Serving as resource person is Mr. Jim Goudmit, CEO of Coffral Access and Shoring, Inc., who shared his knowledge on scaffold erection to the audience composed of members of the Tripartite Industrial Peace Council, Tripartite Executive Committee, and the Construction Industry Tripartite Council.

The forum has been a venue for healthy exchanges of knowledge and ideas which ended with the idea from the sector to develop its own standards that will address peculiarities experienced in our country.

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