

ILO, BLR, OSHC launch Global SafeYouth@Work Project through a Tripartite Validation Workshop

The International Labor Organization, in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Relations (BLR) and Occupational Safety and Health Center (OSHC), conducted a one-day Tripartite Validation Workshop on 21 July 2017 at The Bayleaf Hotel, Intramuros. Through the workshop, the results of the assessment survey on the Regional Tripartite Industrial Peace Councils (RTIPCs) and Industry Tripartite Councils (ITCs) awareness on occupational safety and health, which was previously facilitated by the BLR, were validated.

“This Tripartite Validation Workshop is only a part of a global project called ‘Building a Generation of Safe and Healthy Workers – SafeYouth@Work Project’ which seeks to improve the working conditions of young workers and develop a culture of prevention”, stated Labor Undersecretary Joel B. Maglunsod in his opening remarks.

Under ‘Component 1’ of SafeYouth@Work, the project seeks to support the further strengthening and capacitating of national tripartite committees or councils to enable these bodies to address various OSH issues, particularly regarding young workers.

On the other hand, ‘Component 3’ of the project seeks to improve the capacity of tripartite constituents to promote and enforce compliance of OSH laws and regulations, particularly among young workers.

In pursuing such, the project recognizes the role of tripartite mechanisms in pushing for necessary reforms and increasing knowledge and awareness on OSH, leading to improved monitoring and reporting mechanisms for OSH violations or workplace accidents in their respective industries or covered establishments.

Data gathered from this workshop shall be the basis of future occupational safety and health (OSH) initiatives particularly towards discussing OSH issues in our tripartite committees on a regular basis, and capacitating the tripartite constituents to enforce compliance of OSH laws and regulations, particularly among young workers.

“Occupational safety and health (OSH) is every workers’ right. The workers’ right to humane conditions of work is guaranteed under the Constitution and the Labor Code, and it is an essential component that forms the foundation of the principle of Decent Work”, emphasized Undersecretary Maglunsod.

The workshop is expected to result in a solid analysis of how occupational safety and health is incorporated and addressed in the Philippine tripartite system.

“This workshop is just the beginning of a global OSH movement that is expected to grant all workers with a safe and healthy work environment which is crucial in the attainment of decent work and inclusive growth”, said Undersecretary Maglunsod.

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