

BLR Joins the Fight Against Trafficking



The Bureau of Labor Relations (BLR), with OIC-Undersecretary Benjo Santos M. Benavidez taking the lead participated in the 2018 *“Run Free from Modern Day Slavery”* Advocacy Run held at the Bulwagang Ulalim, CCP Complex in Pasay City on 08 December 2018.

The Inter-Agency Council Against Trafficking (IACAT) organized the advocacy run as part of the celebration of the 2018 International Day Against Trafficking. Thousands of runners and advocates from government agencies, civil society groups and private citizens joined the activity.

The *“Run Free from Modern Slavery”* Advocacy Run was part of the IACAT’s projects to eliminate human trafficking. The advocacy run specifically aimed at increasing public awareness, calling for the renewal of commitment and rallying all advocates against human trafficking.

The IACAT is the body mandated by law to coordinate and monitor the implementation of Republic Act No. 9208, or the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2003, with the Department of Justice as the lead agency. It was formed under section 20 of R.A. 9208, and is composed of the Secretaries of the Department of Justice and Social Welfare

and Development as chair and co-chair, respectively, and the heads of Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Philippine Overseas and Employment Administration (POEA), Bureau of Immigration (BI), Philippine National Police (PNP), National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women (NCRFW) and three representatives from non-government organizations as members.

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