

Mediator-Arbiters Hold 1st Quarter En Banc Meeting for 2019



Mediator-Arbiters from the Bureau of Labor Relations (BLR), DOLE National Capital Region (NCR), Regional Offices I, II, III and 4A convened the 2019 First Quarter Mediator-Arbiters' En Banc Meeting on 15 March 2019 at the BLR Conference Room, Intramuros, Manila.

The en banc meeting focused on issues and concerns on D.O. 40-03, as amended, including issues and concerns on Petition for Certification Election with pending Labor Standards cases.

Latest issuances and policy directives on labor and employment were discussed during the meeting including issues and concerns on the implementation of labor relations provisions of the Labor Code, as amended.

Assistant Secretary Benjo Santos Benavidez welcomed the mediator-arbiters to the meeting and reminded them of the importance of efficiency in the performance of their duties.

“The mediator-arbiters should make their own findings based on available records and not to rely on the Orders/Resolutions/Decisions of the National Labor Relations Commission or the Regional Director on the Petition for Certification Election with pending Labor Standards cases,” said Assistant Secretary Benavidez.

He announced that Atty. Ma. Consuelo Bacay will be the OIC Director of the Bureau of Labor Relations.

Recognizing the important role of mediator-arbiters in promoting industrial peace, OIC-Director Bacay expressed her support in the proposed upgrading of benefits of mediator-arbiters. “Mediator-Arbiters play a significant role in carrying out the mandate of DOLE in enforcing labor laws and regulations,” said OIC-Dir. Bacay.

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