

A Labor Day Truly for Filipino Workers

With the theme, *Pagpupugay sa Manggagawang Pilipino*, the 117th Labor Day celebration this year centers on recognizing the Filipino workers for their hard work, perseverance, and contribution to economic growth.

To symbolize the government's gratitude and appreciation of the Filipino workers as true heroes of modern times, the Department of Labor and Employment spearheads two major activities in San Fernando, Pampanga.

First highlight of the 2019 Labor Day celebration is the TNK Job Fair and Business Opportunities at the Kingsborough International Convention Center in San Fernando, Pampanga. The activity will not only feature the usual job fairs but will also offer various government services. Through the Department's partnership with the Build Build Build Committee, the event will be a venue to address current issues on alleged influx of foreign workers in the country and the contributions of the Build Build Build program of the Duterte administration to provide decent and productive employment for Filipinos.

Second is the groundbreaking ceremony of the OFW Hospital and Diagnostic Center. With the assistance of the Pampanga Local Government, partner agencies, and the private sector, especially the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation and the Bloomberry Cultural Foundation, the OFW Hospital and Diagnostic Center will be built at the donated lot near the GSIS Building and BIR Compound, MacArthur Highway, San Fernando, Pampanga. President Rodrigo Roa Duterte is expected to grace the event and to deliver his Labor Day message before the 2,000-strong crowd consisting mostly of OFWs and their families.

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