

BLR Conducts 2nd Leg of the Technical Supervision Program



Twenty-nine (29) labor relations focal persons from DOLE Regional Office V, VI, VII, and VIII attended the Visayas-Wide Technical Supervision Program entitled “Capacity Development for Regional Labor Relations Focal Persons” held on 06-08 August 2019 at the Smallville 21 Hotel in Iloilo City.

The three-day activity was conducted to build the capacity of the program implementers on labor-management relations programs and policies at the DOLE Regional Offices as well as to address issues and concerns in the implementation of the same.

In his opening remarks, Director Cyril Ticao of DOLE Regional Office VI welcomed the participants and expressed his gratitude for choosing Iloilo City as the venue of the 2019 Visayas-Wide TSP. He encouraged the participants to seriously participate in the discussion and workshops for them to effectively and efficiently implement LR programs and services at the DOLE Regional and Field Offices.

Resource speakers from the Bureau of Local Employment (BLE) and the Bureau of Working Conditions (BWC) discussed the new DOLE issuances. Ms. Cheryl Lacerna-Pesigan of BLE discussed the DOLE-DOJ-BI Joint Guidelines on the Issuance of

Employment Permits to Foreign Nationals. On the other hand, Mr. Nicanor Bon of BWC discussed the Telecommuting Act and the 105-day Expanded Maternity Law.

The second and third day of the activity highlighted the programs and services of the BLR. Ms. Glorializa Delos Santos together with Ms. Joycelyn Amazon-Lacopia of the Policy and Program Development Division (PPDD) discussed updates on Labor and Employment Education Services (LEES) and Tripartism and Social Dialogue, respectively. Atty. Ramon Saura III, Mediator-Arbiter of BLR, lectured on Certification Election.

Ms. Marivic Villa of the Union Registration and Workers Empowerment Division (URWED) presented the Online Union Registrations System (OURS) and Registration of Private and Public Sector Union, while Mr. Roland Nobleza discussed the new issuance on Workers Organization Development Program (WODP) or DOLE Department Order No. 203- 19 (Amending the Guidelines for Accessing the Funds of the WODP).

Mr. Jerome P. Yanson of the Program Management and Technical Services Support Division (PMTSS) explained the Monitoring and Evaluation System of BLR as per Quality Management System (QMS) of DOLE.

“The TSP is regularly conducted by the BLR to enhance the performance, competencies, and skills of newly hired and newly designated LR focal persons. It seeks to strengthen the capacity of Regional/Provincial/Field Office personnel towards the effective and efficient implementation of LR Programs and policies,” OIC Director Maria Consuelo S. Bacay explained in her message. Similarly, the activity aims to establish coordination and mutual support between Regional TSSD personnel and BLR personnel for the implementation of the BLR programs and services.

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