

## BLR Conducts Certification Election in PhilHealth



*BLR employees together with PhilHealth Management, PhilHealth WHITE and PHICEA posed for a picture as the certification election was successfully conducted.*

The Bureau of Labor Relations, together with DOLE Regional and Field Offices, successfully conducted the certification election nationwide among the rank-and-file employees of PhilHealth on 29 August 2019 where five thousand twenty-nine (5,029) out of six thousand nine (6,009) eligible voters cast their votes.

The contending unions were the PhilHealth Workers for Hope, Integrity, Transparency and Empowerment (PhilHealth WHITE) and PhilHealth Employees Association (PHICEA).

PhilHealth WHITE won the certification election with 3,021 votes. Hence, PhilHealth WHITE was declared as the sole and exclusive negotiation agent (SENA) for obtaining the majority votes.

Certification Election in the public sector is a process of determining through secret ballot the sole and exclusive negotiation agent of all the employees in an appropriate negotiating unit for the purpose of collective negotiation.

BLR and DOLE personnel served as election officers in ninety-two (92) polling places nationwide. BLR Mediator-Arbiter Ramon Saura III served as the overall Election Officer.

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