



BLR CONDUCTS ORIENTATION ON D.O. 203 S. 2019 - AMENDING THE GUIDELINES FOR ACCESSING FUNDS OF THE WORKERS ORGANIZATION PROGRAM (WODP) AND ONLINE UNION REGISTRATION SYSTEM (OURS)

The Bureau of Labor Relations (BLR) conducted half-day orientation program on the Department Order No. 203 Series 2019, otherwise known as Amending the Guidelines for Accessing Funds of the Workers Organization Program (WODP) and training-workshop on the Online Union Registration Program (OURS). The program was conducted at BLR Conference Room, Intramuros, Manila on two batches. Members of Federations attended the first orientation-training program held on 19 November 2019, while the second batch was for Workers' Associations Operating in More Than One Region held last 13 December 2019.

Atty. Abigail R. Dela Rosa, a mediator-arbiter of the BLR, warmly welcomed the first batch of the participants, while, Atty. Maria Consuelo S. Bacay, OIC-Director, delivered the welcome remarks for the second batch. Aside from orienting the participants on the WODP and OURS, Atty. Bacay mentioned that the program also aims to make the workers' organizations their partners in disseminating the programs of the Bureau to other concerned workers. She also reminded the participants on the importance of submitting liquidation requirements after availing WODP grants.

Mr. Roland C. Nobleza, focal person of the WODP, discussed the the D.O. 203 S. 2019. WODP targets to enhance the capabilities of workers' organizations towards the promotion of trade unionism, workers empowerment and sound labor management; and provide educational assistance to officers and members of workers' organization including their legitimate dependent

child. Mr. Nobleza emphasized the amended features of the program such as the inclusion of the public sector unions as beneficiaries, adjustments on the stipends and consideration of trimestral system, among others.

The second part of the program was the orientation and workshop on the OURS. Ms. Lilibeth Sanchez discussed basic principles of the system and its' objectives. She mentioned that OURS allows online submission of applications and develops more speedy and economical processing of registrations of workers' organizations and collective bargaining agreements. The system also establishes a central registration database through real-time information.

To familiarize the participants on the features and use of the system, an actual workshop on the online application was undertaken supervised and guided by the staffs of the Union Registration and Workers Empowerment Division (URWED).

On behalf of the BLR, Ms. Marivic T. Villa, chief of URWED, expressed her gratitude to the participating workers' organizations and encouraged them to continuously support and disseminate the programs of the Bureau.

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