

## **TEC holds first meeting for 2020**

On 18 February 2020, the Bureau of Labor Relations (BLR) convened the first Technical Executive Meeting (TEC) for this year with OIC Director Maria Consuelo S. Bacay as presiding officer.

The proposed Rules and Regulations Governing Recruitment and Placement by of Industry Workers by Private Employment Agencies for Local Employment and the Rules and Regulations Governing Recruitment and Placement by Domestic Workers by Private Employment Agencies for Local Employment as the primary agenda for discussion.

Ms. Geraldine Labayani of the Bureau of Local Employment said that that Department Order No. 141, Series of 2014 has been subjected to series of consultations from 2018 to 2019. “During the consultations, one suggestion that emerged was the separation of rules and regulations for private employment agencies recruiting industry workers from that for those catering to domestic workers and for e-recruitment workers,” she added.

The salient provisions of the revised rules and regulations tackle the following: (1) disqualification of technical vocational training institution to engage in recruitment and placement; (2) registration requirements and process; (3) authority to recruit; (4) recruitment and placement; and (5) reportorial requirements.

On the same date, the TEC-Monitoring Body also convened to discuss the updates on the cases of killings of trade unionists and labor leaders under this Administration as identified by the Center for Trade Union and Human Rights (CTUHR). The meeting was presided by OIC Undersecretary Benjo Santos M. Benavidez. In a consensus, the TEC members agreed to elevate the cases with updates to the NTIPC monitoring body.

TEC is the technical workhorse of the National Tripartite Industrial Peace Council (NTIPC) that pre-process policies, issues, and concerns and submits recommendations for approval of the NTIPC. It also monitor, perform or implement activities and projects as approved by the NTIPC as well as assist the NTIPC monitoring body.

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