

DOLE, DTI, and TESDA Spearhead Three-Level Dialogues with Workers and Businesses towards the Road to Employment and Economic Recovery

The whole-of-society approach to craft a holistic employment recovery plan was demonstrated during the Pre-Summit Dialogue for Workers on 22 April 2021 via Zoom video conference organized by the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), and the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), with the support of international development partner organizations.

“In the face of a seemingly insurmountable pandemic, social dialogue, such as this, is very important in designing and implementing responses that are effective and takes into account the needs of everyone,” Labor Secretary Silvestre H. Bello said in his opening remarks during the Pre-Summit Dialogue.

As part of the government’s thrust to ensure participatory governance, 20 government agencies came together to host sixteen (16) focus group discussions from 5-17 April 2021, which were participated by more than 2,000 participants from more than 500 labor and employer groups. The focus group discussions were the first level of the three-part dialogues aimed at gathering inputs from the stakeholders in the development of a National Employment Recover Strategy (NERS) National Action Plan, which will serve as the government’s blueprint in responding to and tackling the socio-economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

During the Pre-Summit Dialogue, Assistant Secretary Dominique R. Tutay presented the NERS 8-Point Employment Recovery Action Plan. This was followed by the validation of priorities under the Labor Sector Agenda crafted from the series of sectoral focus group discussions.

DTI Secretary Ramon M. Lopez assured the labor groups that, “All your inputs in this dialogue will serve as a living document that will be reflected and put into action in the Business and Labor Sector Agenda. These Sectoral Agendas and the NERS 8-Point Employment Action Recovery Plan shall be integral to our country’s economic recovery plan.”

Meanwhile, TESDA Secretary Isidro S. Lapeña expressed his hope that these series of dialogues be the start of a close collaboration between and among the labor groups, the private sector, and the government as the country embarks on the road to recovery from the pandemic.

The focus group discussions and Pre-Summit Dialogue will culminate in the Job Summit on May 1 during the celebration of 2021 Labor Day where the final Labor Sector and Business Sector Agenda will be presented. The Job Summit will carry the theme, “Ready for Work, Ready for Business: Geared Up for the Safe Re-opening of the Economy,” and is expected to be graced by the President.

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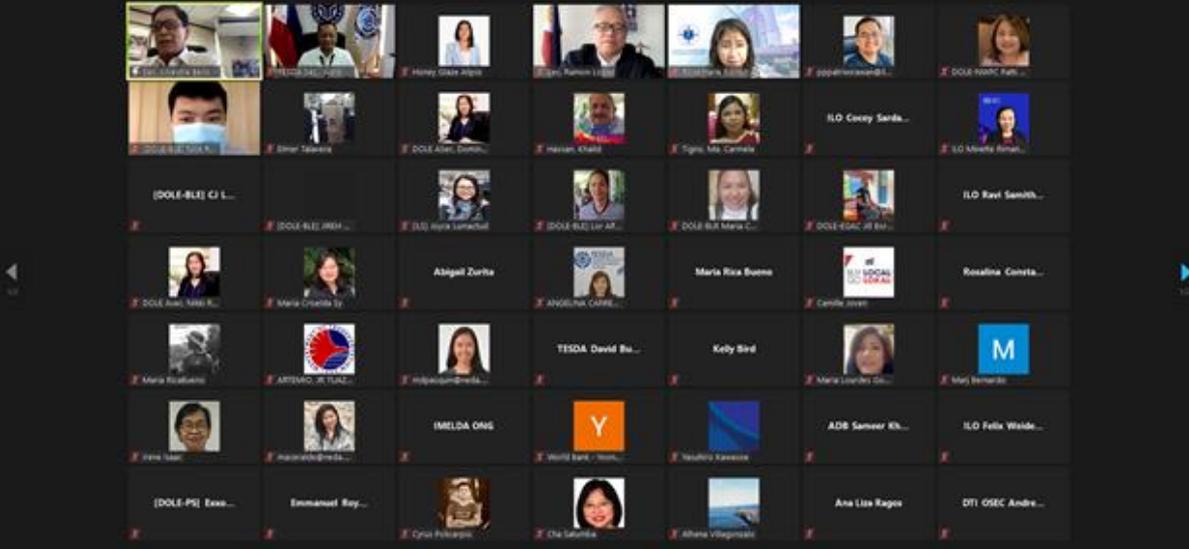
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