



BLR Orients Migrant Workers on the Registration of Workers' Association

The Bureau of Labor Relations (BLR) joined the Online Capacity Building on Organizing and Organizational Development conducted by the Center for Migrant Advocacy – Philippines (CMA-Phils) last September 10, 2021 via Zoom. The program aims to equip the community-based migrant organizations including OFW Groups and OFW Family Circles on the processes of acquiring legal personalities through legal registration in different government agencies.

Ms. Marivic T. Villa and Ms. Katrina S. del Rosario of the BLR-Union Registration and Workers' Empowerment Division (URWED) discussed the legal bases and documentary requirements for the registration of workers' associations under the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE). The reportorial obligations, grounds for cancellation and process of filing the application for registration, which are either through the DOLE-Regional or Field Offices, or through the BLR-Online Union Registration System (OURS), were also explained to the participants. OURS is an on-line transactional processing system which pre-processes application for registration of workers' organizations and collective bargaining agreements.

Registration of workers' association is usually a requirement in order to avail various livelihood programs and assistance provided by the DOLE, and other government agencies.

The program was joined by community-based migrant organizations from various cities and provinces such as Quezon City, Laguna, La Union, and Nueva Ecija.

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