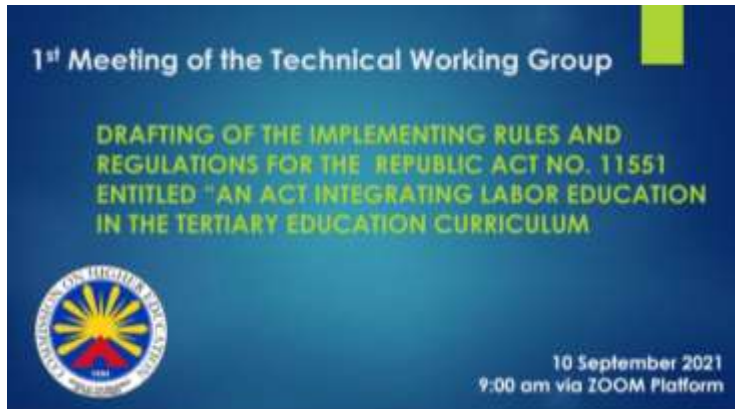


## **DOLE Takes Part in The Development of the Implementing Rules for the Inclusion of Labor Education in Tertiary Education**



In line with Republic Act No. 11551 or “An Act Integrating Labor Education in the Tertiary Education Curriculum”, the first Technical Working Group (TWG) Meeting for the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of the Act was held on 10 September

2021 (Friday), at 9:00 AM, via Zoom Platform.

The Act mandates the integration of labor education in both higher education and technical vocational education as an elective course. Section 7 of said act mandates the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) to develop the IRR in consultation with DOLE and other stakeholders. The DOLE is also mandated to participate in curriculum development, as well as the creation of appropriate modules and materials.

As lead agency in the implementation of the Labor and Employment Education Services (LEES) program, the Bureau of Labor Relations represented the Department in the meeting and contributes as a regular member of the TWG. Other members include representatives from the University of the Philippines College of Law as well as the Management Association of the Philippines.

The DOLE intends to participate in all TWG meetings until the proposed IRR is finalized and approved. In terms of curriculum development, the Department is also requested to provide guidance in the creation of the courses and training regulations, as well as provide all relevant and updated materials, policies, and issuances. Moreover, DOLE is also expected to take part in the TWG for the development of the Labor Education Framework.