

BLR convenes first tripartite meeting for 2022

The Bureau of Labor Relations (BLR) continuously ensures the operationalization of tripartite councils through innovative strategies despite the challenges posed by the pandemic. On 25 January 2022, the BLR convened the first Technical Executive Committee (TEC) meeting for 2022. The proposed Rules on Certification of First Aiders and Accreditation of First Aid Training Providers as the primary agenda for discussion. Dr. Maria Beatriz Villanueva of the Occupational Safety and Health Center presented the draft rules and briefed the Committee that the draft came about by the changes required on certified first aiders under Republic Act. 11058 and Department Order No. 198-18.

Initial discussions leading to the development of the proposed rules, according to Dr. Villanueva, was participated by the concerned offices in the Department, Department of Health (DOH), Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), Office of the Civil Defense, and Philippine Red Cross (PRC).

Tackled also during the meeting were the updates on labor inspection and feedback on Labor Advisory No. 1, Series of 2022. Assistant Secretary Maria Teresita S. Cucueco informed the resumption of labor inspection in the workplaces to ensure the establishment's compliance with labor laws refers to the routine inspection.

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