

Secretary Bienvenido E. Laguesma Holds a Dialogue with the Federation of Free Workers

On 21 September 2022, Secretary Laguesma administered the oath-taking of the newly elected Governing Board Members of the Federation of Free Workers. He was accompanied by Undersecretary Benedicto



Ernesto R. Bitonio and Undersecretary Ciriaco A. Lagunzad III who stood as witness to the oathtaking ceremony.



Secretary Laguesma congratulated the newly elected FFW Governing Board Members and pose a challenge to continue their advocacy and goals to raise the standard of living of their colleagues in the labor force.

A social dialogue between DOLE and FFW followed after the oathtaking ceremony. The dialogue revolves on concerns relating to freedom of association, labor representation in tripartite bodies, issues and concerns of health workers, and on occupational safety and health.



Secretary Laguesma reiterated the importance of continuous dialogue with workers. He was grateful that FFW continues to help the Department address labor and employment issues by sharing and reporting the experiences of the workers.

FFW handed over a Summary of Policy Actions and Recommendations from the NAGKAISA Labor Coalition's National Conference on COVID-19 and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights for the DOLE's consideration.

“FFW has been an active partner of the Department in the promotion of its program and services. With FFW as the chairman of the NAGKAISA Labor Coalition, we assure you that we will be the medium to relay the labor and employment concerns to the Department for its resolution”, Atty. Montaña said as he expressed his gratitude to the DOLE and Bureau of Labor Relations.

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