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RESILIENT, INNOVATIVE PESOS HONORED DURING THE 2021 PESO CONGRESS



In recognition of the Public Employment Service Offices' (PESOs) exceptional and extraordinary contribution to the attainment of quality and decent employment amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department of Labor and

Employment bestowed in this year's PESO Congress the first-ever Secretary's Award for Bayanihan Service.

Sixty-six entries vied for the award and underwent series of evaluations under the

general criteria of innovation, humanitarian services, and resilience.

The winners will receive a trophy and Php 100,000.00, while a consolation prize of Php 20,000.00 will be awarded to the rest of the qualified entries.

WINNERS OF THE SECRETARY'S BAYANIHAN SERVICE AWARDS

First Class Province

PESO Province of Laguna

2nd Class Province

Lanao del Norte Provincial PESO

3rd to 5th Class Province

Aurora Provincial PESO

Job Placement Office/NGO/CBO

University of Batangas Job Placement Office, Batangas City

1st and 2nd Class Municipal PESO

PESO San Mariano, Isabela
PESO Los Baños, Laguna

3rd to 4th Class Municipal PESO

PESO Llanera, Nueva Ecija
PESO Jimenez, Misamis Occidental
PESO Magsaysay, Davao del Sur

Component and Independent Component City PESO

PESO Oroquieta City, Misamis Occidental
PESO Ilagan City, Isabela
PESO Tagum City, Davao del Norte
PESO San Jose Del Monte, Bulacan

Highly Urbanized City Category

PESO Davao City, Davao del Sur
PESO Iligan City, Lanao del Norte



DOLE RECOGNIZES CAMP IMPLEMENTERS

The Department of Labor and Employment paid tribute to its Regional (ROs) and Field Offices (FOs) for their intensive efforts in the delivery of its pandemic response program, the Covid-19 Adjustment Measures Program or CAMP, during the 2021 PESO Congress. Ten offices, selected for exemplary performance during the implementation of the program, went home with the aptly named CAMP Bayanihan Awards.

CAMP, first rolled out in March 2020 under the Bayanihan 1 Act, granted cash assistance to formal sector workers displaced by the Covid-19 pandemic. To date, a total of 1.425 million workers have received the aid with a total of Php 7.134 billion disbursed. To achieve this feat, the DOLE ROs and FOs—the main implementers of the program—intensified operations to provide excellent service despite the global health crisis.

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OVER 4,500 WORKERS VACCINATED THRU THE '1 MILLION JOBS' PROJECT

The government and private sector's partnership project promising the creation of one (1) million jobs before the year's end reports that it has facilitated the vaccination of 4,521 workers, to date. Following the vaccination kickoff last 8 September 2021 in the DOLE headquarters in Intramuros, Manila where over 1,000 workers were given the Covid-19 job, vaccination rollouts under 'Reform, Rebound, Recover: One Million Jobs for 2021' were conducted in six other locations: UST, Manila; Malolos, Bulacan; Dumaguete; Mandaue City, Cebu; Bataan; and Ilagan, Isabela.

Recipients of the job are workers from the construction and manufacturing sectors—the country's main economic contributors.

On 26 August 2021, the Department of Labor and Employment disclosed that the National Task Force (NTF) Against Covid-19 had approved its request for the

vaccination of 452,000 workers in industries identified as critically important for the economy. The department made the request to uphold the government's commitments to its private sector partners in the 'One Million Jobs' project.

In the manifesto signed by DOLE and key National Employment Recovery Strategy (NERS) Task Force member agencies along with leading business groups led by the Employers Confederation of the Philippines (ECOP), the business organizations committed to the creation of one (1) million jobs for 2021 in support of the Task Force's efforts to address employment issues caused by the pandemic. In return, the government pledged that it will source vaccines for qualified workers before they're onboarded for work.

"As envisioned by the NERS Task Force, we are witnessing the whole of society come together for the recovery of jobs and the

revival of the labor market," Labor Secretary Silvestre Bello III said, "Vaccine czar Secretary Carlito Galvez has delivered on his promise to allocate vaccines for workers through this project, and our industry partners have carried out their commitment to engage workers in need of employment during the pandemic."

"As long as we persevere in our pursuit of safe and unabating recovery, our economy shall surely spring back and our workforce flourish," he added.

The vaccination program expands its reach to workers in Pangasinan, Laguna, and Danao City, Cebu, this October. The NERS Task Force, through the DOLE, continues to work closely with the Department of Health and the NTF Against Covid-19 to inoculate the workforce against the coronavirus and expedite the economy's recovery from the pandemic.

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In recognition of their invaluable support and contribution, the Department presented each RO with a Plaque of Appreciation. Likewise, DOLE's digital payment partner facilities, RCBC, MLhuillier, Palawan Express, and Western Union USSC, were given plaques for facilitating the distribution of financial aid to the program's beneficiaries. On top of this, trophies were awarded to recipients of the CAMP Bayanihan Awards.

The CAMP Bayanihan Awards come in two categories: the Major and Special Awards. The CAMP Bayanihan Major Awards recognized the best implementing FOs as nominated by the ROs. The nominees were rated on advocacy, innovation, and fund

utilization. In consideration of the varying impact of the pandemic in each locality, the regions were clustered into heavy, moderate, and light classifications. Awardees were selected for both runs of CAMP, which was revived in November 2020 under the Bayanihan 2 Act.

For CAMP Bayanihan 1, Zamboanga Sibugay Field Office won under the light classification, and Cagayan de Oro Field Office under the moderate classification. For CAMP Bayanihan 2, Nueva Viscaya Field Office won under the light classification and Pampanga Field Office under the moderate classification.

The CAMP Bayanihan Special Awards went to ROs selected for exceptional performance in the same crucial components of the program's implementation: advocacy, innovation, and fund utilization. Like the Major Awards,

winners were chosen for each run of CAMP.

For CAMP Bayanihan 1 DOLE RO 7 won 'Best in Advocacy', DOLE RO 9 'Most Innovative', and DOLE RO 12 'Best in Fund Utilization'. For CAMP Bayanihan 2, DOLE RO 11 won 'Best in Advocacy', and DOLE RO 12 both 'Most Innovative' and 'Best in Fund Utilization' awards.

The awarding of the CAMP Bayanihan Awards capped off the first day of the 2021 National PESO Congress, which was conducted entirely online for the very first time. This year's annual gathering of DOLE ROs, FOs and Public Employment Service Offices (PESOs) nationwide was jointly hosted by the DOLE RO 10 and the PESO Managers' Association of the Philippines (PESOMAP) Inc. with the theme "PESO 2021: Sama-samang pagtutulungan tungo sa Pagbangon ng Bayan"

DOLE'S MISSION RACE BRINGS RECOVERY EFFORT TO THE LOCAL LEVEL



The recently launched Mission Rebooting Activities through Community Engagements (RACE) program of the labor department is expected to stimulate economic activities and improve the labor market situation of communities all over the country. This was shared by DOLE Assistant Secretary and Concurrent BLE Director Dominique Rubia-Tutay to the public during the 1 July 2021 Laging Handa Public Briefing of the Presidential Communications Operations Office.

The pronouncement comes after President Duterte signed Executive Order (EO) 140, which officially adopted the National Employment Recovery Strategy (NERS) as the country's master plan for the restoration of its labor market. The EO charges the 20-agency strong NERS Task Force to implement the recovery plan to counter the effects of the pandemic on employment. Mission RACE counts as one of DOLE's several response programs enrolled under NERS.

Mission RACE seeks to reboot economic participation and commercial activities through the form of sustainable livelihood

trainings and profiling of local labor market situations to identify the communities' priority needs. The program is being implemented in partnership with various national government agencies in coordination with the LGUs of the 5,320 participating barangays.

Around 5,600 Barangay Healthy Economic Recovery Officers (HEROs) will be mobilized all over the country to gather key information from individuals regarding their employment (i.e., employed, unemployed) and possible forms of assistance. Asec. Rubia-Tutay noted that the program also intends to extend the reach of other initiatives of the Department and the NERS Task Force in an effort to bring aid and support directly to those seriously affected by the pandemic.

"Information on the government's recovery programs sometimes do not make it to constituents at the local and the barangay levels, particularly in far-flung hard-to-reach communities," she explained, "The local HEROs will not only profile residents but familiarize them with available programs and how to apply for them."

Profiling of prospective beneficiaries are ongoing, drawing to a close on December 2021. Those who wish to serve as a Local HERO of their barangay are invited to visit the nearest DOLE Regional and Field Offices to file their applications.

DOLE — 'PHILJOBNET AND OTHER EMPLOYMENT SERVICES ARE FREE'

The labor department reminds the public that its employment assistance facilities, including job search and advertising services on the government's official job portal, PhilJobNet, remains free of charge.

This, after the Bureau of Local Employment received reports of supposed recruiters using the PhilJobNet name to solicit money transfers in exchange for alleged urgent job placement.

The scammers reportedly operate on the instant messaging platform, WhatsApp.

The PhilJobNet team does not have accounts on the said platform, and does not reach out to registered jobseekers or employers to charge fees for its services. Only PhilJobNet-accredited employers have access to the contact information of qualified jobseekers to notify them of job openings or updates on their application.

As the department strengthens the digitalization of its programs amid the pandemic, it faces growing issues of online

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YOUTH EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGE: JOBSTART PH'S LATEST DIGITAL PRODUCT

Responding to the challenges of the pandemic, DOLE's full-cycle employment facilitation service for at-risk youth, JobStart Philippines (JSP), has digitized one of its key components with the launch of Youth Employment Exchanged (YEE). An online tool linking the business sector with the JobStart trainees, the YEE shifts the JSP Employer Engagement component online to attract more private sector partners across expanded industry groups.

Employer Engagement is one of JSP's key components. The business sector plays a vital role in the program by providing the youth beneficiaries with hands-on experience in the world of work, and eventually, hiring and placement. Engaging with business for JobStart allows the government to implement JSP successfully - resulting in a supply of a skilled and market-relevant youth workforce.

The pandemic and resulting lockdowns, however, brought challenges to JSP's implementation - youth unemployment rate increased at record high numbers, the business sector suffered due to decreased economic activities, and JSP program implementers struggled with implementing safely and healthfully.

JobStart Philippines' digital transformation responded to the challenges, taking off from 2020 with development of online life skills training. The Bureau, in partnership with Asian Development Bank and the Government of Canada, further developed the program's employment facilitation by digitizing JSP Employer Engagement.

YEE was initially designed to allow information sharing between JSP partner employers and the Public Employment Service Offices (PESOs), online processing of partner employer's documentary requirements (i.e training plans, internship proposals, etc.), and trainees' progress

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monitoring and fund subsidy processing. YEE has now evolved to become a one-stop shop for the JobStart program that highlights the trainee management system, which enables interested youth applicants to register directly on the website and continue to track their progress and tasks in the program. YEE also includes a complete program overview for related

news, articles, and events, and a dedicated knowledge sharing platform with the implementers.

The YEE as the newest digital product of JobStart was initially launched to its stakeholders during the Employer Engagement Capacity Building Activity held on 13-14 July 2021. Another hands-on training was conducted on 26-27 August to help the program implementers transition to YEE. The BLE is committed to continuously improve YEE's features and functionalities from its pilot rollout this 2021 onwards.

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fraud and scams targeting its stakeholders. Earlier this month, it issued a similar warning against fake and 'for sale' DOLE certificates of involuntary separation required for the Social Security System unemployment benefit.

DOLE warns its clients to be vigilant against such dubious schemes and to confirm that they are on official DOLE communication channels before disclosing sensitive information.

"DOLE Hotline 1349 is open 24/7 to respond to the concerns of our stakeholders," shared Labor Assistant Secretary and Concurrent BLE Director Dominique Rubia-Tutay. "Should our clients have any questions regarding the Department's initiatives, they are sure to receive the correct information from our Hotline Service Action officers."

"For PhilJobNet-related concerns, an inquiry form can be accessed on www.philjobnet.gov.ph to forward issues for the PhilJobNet team's immediate action." Rubia-Tutay added. "The BLE is also happy to address general questions, comments and suggestions about the Bureau's programs, projects and activities through its email address od_ble@yahoo.com and telephone nos. 8528-0087 and 8528-0108."

DOLE LAUNCHES CAREERINFO.PH, PUBLIC INVITED TO CONTRIBUTE

The Department of Labor and Employment officially launched its online database of career guides, CareerInfo.ph, today with an invitation to its stakeholders to sign up and contribute. During Monday afternoon's edition of V-Cafe@DOLE, the department's virtual media kapihan, the Bureau of Local Employment announced that its updated career information system is live and open for the public's use.

Developed and maintained by the BLE, CareerInfo.ph aids students and jobseekers in making informed decisions on their chosen careers. The published guides include jobs identified as 'in demand' in the latest labor market signaling study of the department, the JobsFit 2022 Labor Market Information Report. Also featured are green jobs, or jobs that reduce environmental impact, contribute to climate change solutions, and provide not just economic benefits to workers and their communities, but environmental and social benefits as well.

The guides provide valuable information such as nature of work, basic educational requirements, skills and competencies, attributes, employment opportunities, and cost of education and training.

According to Assistant Secretary and Concurrent BLE Director Dominique Rubia-Tutay, the launch of CareerInfo.ph supplements government recovery efforts in response to the pandemic.

"This is in line with the worker-centered thrust of the National Employment Recovery Strategy," she said, referring to NERS, the government's official jobs recovery plan co-chaired by DOLE. "Labor market access facilitation is among its four target outcomes to support and strengthen

our workforce and to sustainably revive and fortify our employment market."

To ensure information is up-to-date and accurate, the system is designed to be responsive to feedback from the public. Interested parties may log on to the website and propose revisions to the guides published, as well as put forward supplementary materials for consideration.

"We encourage labor market experts, human resource managers, career guidance professionals, and our other stakeholders to sign up as contributors," said Asec. Rubia-Tutay. "We're determined to constantly engage the public as we pursue the full recovery of the labor market, and we hope CareerInfo.ph could be just the start of a much larger movement of exchange of information and knowledge."

Apart from the career guides, the website also serves as a repository of the Bureau's



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latest labor market information reports and publications, as well as local employment news and updates. Thus, CareerInfo.ph is expected to help students and jobseekers alike navigate the labor market in these uncertain times armed with the latest accurate information and practical, relevant resources.