

Good News

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World Day for Safety & Health at Work 2017

Since 2003, the 28th day of April was set as World Day for Safety & Health at Work. It is a global campaign observed by the International Labour Organization (ILO) that promotes the prevention of occupational accidents and diseases globally.

“Optimize the Collection and Use of OSH Data” is this year’s theme which is perceived as a major contribution to the attainment of Sustainable Development Goal 8, and its Target 8.8. It focuses on the “protection of labour rights and promotion of safe and secure working environments for all workers, including migrant workers, in particular women migrants, and those in precarious employment.

The Philippines shares the same view with the ILO that the collection of data is an indispensable tool for the detection of new hazards and emerging risks, the identification of hazardous sectors, the development of preventive measures, as well as the implementation of policies, systems and programs at international, national and enterprise levels.

As side events of the celebration, a nationwide public awareness on OSH will be done through flash mob, purposive toolbox meeting and massive information drive using the various forms of social media. This is to be spearheaded by the ILO’s SafeYouth@Work Project in partnership with DOLE and other stakeholders including the youth. The presentation of the ILO study on How to improve the OSH data collection of the country will culminate the celebration of this year’s event.

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