

Good News

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Bureau of Working Conditions

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OSH Amendment, In Full Swing

Employers and workers can look forward for a more responsive Occupational Safety and Health Standards next year.

The Bureau of Working Conditions (BWC) recently is in the forefront of this as it spearheads public consultations for its amendment. The Bureau held its last consultation for the year last November 21, 2017 at the Occupational Safety and Health Center. This was attended by representatives from various Government Agencies, Academe, Safety Training Organizations, PCOM and PSME.

This session will not be the last, as the Bureau plans to do an island-wide tripartite consultation next year. "The inputs of our OSH partners so far have been very positive and productive as it addressed the many OSH peculiarities of our different industries. We hope to have as many suggestions from our tripartite partners next year as we conduct our consultation with them," was the remarks of Dr. Teresita S. Cucueco, Director IV of BWC when asked on the status of the on-going amendment.

The DOLE through the BWC, recognize that this body of standards, rules, and regulations, known as the Occupational Safety and Health Standards, that was promulgated in 1978, and amended in 1989, has to be reviewed and revised to address the many changes in the business environment, work processes, technologies, innovations in products and services that have changed our workplaces, particularly with regards to occupational safety and health.

The Bureau takes cognizance of the global and national legislations that declare OSH as a basic human right. Therefore, it strives for better working conditions through the formulation and implementation of good OSH programs that is responsive to the needs of the times.

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