

Good News

Department of Labor and Employment

Bureau of Working Conditions

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BWC leads the DOLE earthquake drill

The DOLE recently conducted its own version of shake drill last July 6, 2017. The simulation drill started at exactly 11 o'clock and was participated by employees from DOLE Central Office. The Administrative Service and Bureau of Working Conditions led the DOLE's officials and employees in executing the "dock, cover, hold" technique during the simulated 7.2 magnitude earthquake. During the simulation, employees were evacuated from the office by the DOLE's designated safety officers.

The rescue operations and evacuation drills were planned according to the projected impact of a 7.2-magnitude earthquake hitting Metro Manila, including the possible collapse of the DOLE building that may result to injuries because of falling debris. The employees were evacuated in five minutes, the fastest in seven years since the drill was institutionalized at the Office.

Engr. Gilbert Q. Marquez, safety officer of BWC, assessed the drill as successful not only because the employees were able to go out of the building two minutes ahead of the goal but also because the procedure has already instilled in the hearts and minds of the employees. In his own words he summed up the drill in three *Ks* as *Karunungan, Kahandaan* and *Kaligtasan*. Three words that were evident throughout the conduct of the said drill.

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