

Good News

Department of Labor and Employment

Bureau of Working Conditions

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Learning Session on DO 183-17 as Initiated by MTIPC

On 18 January 2018, Ms. Queen Therese Espinas of the Program and Policy Development Division was invited as a resource speaker at the Manila Tripartite Industrial Peace Council (MTIPC) to conduct a learning session relative to Department Order No. 183, Series of 2017 (DO 183-17), otherwise known as the “Revised Rules on the Administration and Enforcement of Labor Laws Pursuant to Article 128 of the Labor Code, as Renumbered”. The said event was conducted to be in line with the continuing effort of MTIPC to maintain strong partnership among management, labor and government sectors in promoting tripartism in Manila.



DO 183-17 was issued and signed by DOLE Secretary Silvestre H. Bello III on 18 October 2017 and became effective on 05 November 2017 after its subsequent publication on Philippine Star on 21 October 2017. The said issuance superseded Department Order No. 131-B, Series of 2016 entitled “Revised Rules on Labor Laws Compliance System.”

Among the salient features of the recently issued Department Order is the conduct of routine and complaint inspections instead of joint assessment and compliance visit. This in effect further strengthens the implementation of the visitorial and enforcement powers of the Department under the Labor Code,

towards securing a higher level of compliance with labor laws and standards, and ensuring continuity and sustainability of compliance at workplaces.

The creation of MTIPC is pursuant to the mandate of Article 290 of the Labor Code, as renumbered, and the Government's commitment under ILO Convention No. 144 which is to institutionalize tripartism by providing for a continuing forum for tripartite advertisement and consultation in aid of streamlining the role of government, empowering workers' and employers' organizations, enhancing their respective rights, attaining industrial peace, and improving productivity.

Should you wish to invite a resource speaker from the Bureau, you may send your letter of invitation to bwcsecretary@gmail.com.

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