

**Good News  
Department of Labor and Employment  
Bureau of Working Conditions**

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**NEW MEDICAL OFFICER OF BWC, AT YOUR SERVICE**



On 28 August 2018, Dr. Felix F. Labanda, Jr. was appointed as the new Medical Officer III of the Bureau of Working Conditions. Dr. Labanda will assume his office next month, September 27, under the oversight of Dr. Imelda Santos, Division Chief of the Program Management and Technical Support Service Division (PMTSSD).

Dr. Labanda completed his Doctor of Medicine at the University of the East. In order to further his knowledge on his chosen specialty, Occupational Medicine, he later on pursued a Master's degree on Occupational Health and Industrial Hygiene at the University of the Philippines.

As an occupational medicine specialist, Dr. Labanda focuses on ensuring that the highest standards in occupational safety and health can be achieved and maintained by establishments without incurring excessive cost and unnecessary law suits on the part of the management. This kind of specialty centers on the preventive medicine and management of workplace-related illness, injury or disability.

With the passage of Republic Act. No. 11058 otherwise known as the OSH or Worker's Safety Law, the addition of Dr. Labanda is very timely for the crafting of the new law's implementing rules and regulations. Considering that Dr. Labanda have worked in multiple work settings from corporate to community and industrial settings, insights from which will be very useful for the formulation of a more practical, sound and up-to-date guidelines that can strengthen the enforcement and implementation of the new OSH Law.

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