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LABOR INSPECTORS CAPACITATED ON OSH IN CONSTRUCTION

The construction industry is considered as one of the most hazardous industry with the following nuances: workers are temporary and constantly changing, many phases of the project and emergence of health hazards. The usual practice of contracting and sub-contracting arrangement in most cases water down OSH implementation in the industry.

As a Department, in pursuit of the highest standards in ensuring compliance of all covered establishments including all on-going construction project sites nationwide, the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) with the assistance of the International Labour Organization conducted a Training of Trainers on OSH in Construction to DOLE Labor Inspectors and select BWC employees last July 11 to 12, 2019 at Bayleaf Hotel, Intramuros, Manila.

The training was part of the advanced training for labor inspector with the aim of equipping labor inspectors with special skills and knowledge relative to inspection of specialized industry as construction.

The training focused on the competency gaps of labor inspectors, particularly on their knowledge and skills in determining compliance and non-compliance on relative occupational safety and health issuances and identification of occupational risks and hazards in construction sites and provision of control measures.

In her message, Undersecretary Ana C. Dione challenged the participants to share their newly acquired learning to their fellow inspectors in their respective regions and reduce work-related incidents associated with this industry. She also reminded the twenty eight (28) of the unequivocal intent of the Labor Code of the Philippines as renumbered, of providing protection to labor, industrial peace as well as decent work for all Filipinos.

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