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Construction projects to boost BPBP Program

In line with the country's battle cry "to heal as one," the DOLE, DPWH, DOTr, DTI, CIAP, TESDA, DILG, DHSUD, NHA, together with the Philippine Constructors Association, Inc. (PCA) and National Constructors Association of the Philippines Incorporated (NACAP) have joined forces to revitalize the economy as the country transitions into the new normal for the construction industry.

The construction industry is seen as haven for employment of locals, the displaced workers, displaced OFWs, and for our countrymen who wish to return to the provinces as part of the government's Balik Probinsya, Bagong Pag-asa Program (BP2).

Executive Order No. 114, s. 2020 which had institutionalized the BP2 Program intends to reverse the migration in metropolises as well as to attain a balance regional development and equal distribution of wealth resources and opportunities through policies and programs that boost countryside development and inclusive growth, provide adequate social services and promote full employment, industrialization and improved quality of life in rural areas.

The Memorandum of Agreement shall help provide support in the implementation of BP2 Program by providing employment opportunities to thousands of displaced and unemployed workers including returning OFWs. It is expected that the MOA shall help synergize the efforts of the DOLE and other partner agencies to generate employment in the construction industry by 10% to 20% at a minimum.

Said Agreement shall also ensure contractors' adherence to all the policies, guidelines and advisories for the prevention and control of COVID-19 as well as compliance with safety and health issuances of the government for the protection of the workers against occupational risks and hazards as the country transitions into the new normal.

For the part of the government, the DOLE, DPWH, DOTr, DTI, CIAP, TESDA, DILG, DHSUD and NHA shall provide technical support and assistance to the contractors to effectively implement this Memorandum of Agreement.

These agencies are doubling their efforts to expedite the signing of the MOA as the DOLE is also looking to replicating this program for the other industries in the countryside.

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