

**Press Release  
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**29,250cc of blood donated by DOLE employees**

What started out as a plain blood donation of seven (7) public servants of the Bureau of Working Conditions (BWC) last January, it snowballed to a blood-letting activity last March 3, 2020. The blood-letting activity was spearheaded by the BWC in partnership with DOLE Employees Cooperative and Philippine Red Cross.

The initiative is part of the DOLE's humanitarian efforts to help save more lives in the country. Dr. Marco Antonio S. Valeros, Medical Officer IV of BWC, in his welcome message said that the DOLE's blood-letting activities are a manifestation of the Department's all-out support to Republic Act No. 7719 otherwise known as the National Blood Service Act of 1994. The law seeks to promote blood donation and provision of sufficient supply of safe blood for every Filipino. He ended his message by quoting a blood quote "donation of blood is tantamount to saving lives, and every blood donor are hero."

A total of 29,250 cc of blood were generated from 65 donors composed solely of DOLE Employees. The youngest donor was a 21-year-old female from BWC while the eldest are aged 60 from the Bureau of Labor Relations and Office of the Undersecretary for Regional Operations, Labor Standards and Special Concerns Cluster.

Conspicuously noticeable were a big number of female employees donating their blood. The profile of donors varies from rank and file employees, medical professionals and even lawyers.

OIC-Assistant Secretary Ma. Teresita S. Cucueco, MD, CESO III, for her part, committed to unceasingly support all bloodletting activities to be held in DOLE. This shall sustain the adequate blood supply that could save more lives during emergencies.

The overwhelming turnout of the activity was encouraging that the organizers this early are thinking that this may be held ever semester or annually.

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