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**MOA to revitalize the construction industry, forged by the government and constructors' association**

According to the National Economic and Development Authority, the Philippine economy has begun to recover. On a quarter-on-quarter basis, the economy grew by 8% in the third quarter. This increase reflects the return of economic activities as the government ease its quarantine measures allowing more establishments to operate and enabling some workers to return to work.

In support of the government's economic recovery program to create jobs and sustain growth, the Department of Labor and Employment, Department of Public Workers and Highways, Department of Trade and Industry, Department of the Interior and Local Government, Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, National Housing Authority, and Construction Industry Authority of the Philippines, including the Constructors Association, Inc., and National Constructors Association of the Philippines Incorporation, entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA).

The MOA aims to facilitate employment of displaced and unemployed workers, including returning Overseas Filipino Workers, and support the Balik Probinsiya, Bagong Pag-asa Program of the government pursuant to Executive Order No. 114, Series of 2020. Further, this is to ensure that construction activities in the Philippines adhere to occupational safety and health standards and minimum health protocols of the government to mitigate the transmission of COVID-19.

Consistent with the fourth pillar of the 4-pillar socio-economic strategy of the Philippine government against COVID-19, the MOA is projected to boost employment in the construction industry as it resumes its operation. Pursuant to DTI Memorandum Circular No. 20-52, operational capacity of public and private construction projects that are essential and priority public and private construction projects under general and modified community quarantine is 100%.

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