

## **Good News**

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### **DOLE sees a robust economy for the Cargo and Logistics Industry**

The influence and impact of logistics on a nation's economy has never been more significant than it is today. The increasing popularity of online shopping has fueled the rapid growth of the e-commerce industry. Efficient logistics connects firms to both the local and international markets. It shores up the country's competitiveness which is a must in economic growth and job creation.

The Cargo and Logistics Industry just like any other industry is challenged by the current state of the pandemic our country is facing today. It is against this backdrop that the DOLE engaged employers and workers of the Cargo and Logistics Industry for a virtual DOLE "Kamustahan" on 11 September 2020. This is to check on their labor concerns with the end view of assisting the industry in terms of business survival, job preservation and ensuring the workers' welfare through tripartite collaboration.

Bureau of Labor Relations Director Maria Consuelo Bacay was the moderator while, Undersecretary Joji Aragon, Assistant Secretary Ma. Teresita Cucueco, and Assistant Secretary Dominique Tutay took turns in answering the many concerns of the industry, ranging from the implementation of government issued COVID-19 policies, alternative work arrangements and financial issues during the pandemic. There were queries on employees' COVID-19 testing results, employment conditions during pandemic, rotation, leaves, and retrenchment. The resource speakers were one in identifying the industry as one of the more resilient industries in this pandemic and if only their issues and concerns will be addressed, their businesses will thrive and grow despite the many challenges.

The activity will be replicated with other industries with the goal of creating an enabling work environment for them, boost their labor market, aid the nation in its economic recovery, and sustain the people's trust in the government in addressing the economic and social impacts of the pandemic.

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