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**DOLE-BWC renders technical assistance on OSH to Myanmar**

The DOLE-Bureau of Working Conditions had provided technical assistance on Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) on September 11, 2020, to Myanmar via Zoom. Myanmar, a member of the Association of Southeast Asian Nation (ASEAN) has recently passed its own OSH Law or the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law No. 8 of 2019 on March 15, 2019. It is a country rich in jade and gems, oil, natural gas, and other mineral resources.

Assistant Secretary Ma. Teresita S. Cucueco led the DOLE-BWC contingent team in the virtual meeting which was attended by representatives from Singapore, Myanmar, and the Philippines. The meeting was held to benchmark the current implementation of OSH in Myanmar.

In the meeting, Asec. Cucueco shared the journey of Republic Act 11058 otherwise known as “The OSH Law” in the country, starting from its legal bases, training, accreditation, enforcement, OSH penalties, and tripartite implementation. Asec.Cucueco also shared the provision for Inter-Agency Collaboration and Cooperation which is an important component of OSH in the country as it is a cross-cutting issue among the different government agencies.

In her presentation, Asec. Cucueco stressed that the primary objective of the Philippine OSH Law is compliance, with the end result of protection to all workers and not to penalize. Although she also acknowledged that fines are deterrent to would-be violators. As the meeting came to its end, the representatives of the three countries vowed to continue to share each of their country’s best OSH practices.

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