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DOLE TO INTENSIFY LABOR INSPECTION

To ensure the protection and rights at work, the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) has issued Administrative Order No. 11 Series of 2022 on 19 January 2022. The order provides for the General Authority of Labor Inspectors to conduct Routine Inspections, Complaint inspections, Occupational Safety, and Health Standards investigations, and Special inspections. Technical Safety (TS) Inspectors to conduct Technical Safety Inspection (TSI).

The recently issued AO covered 620 Labor Inspectors with general authority for CY 2022, 126 Technical Safety Inspectors with TSI Training, 485 Designated Hearing Officers, and 115 Designated Sheriffs.

These personnel are expected to fulfill their duties and responsibilities in line with the implementation of DOLE Department Order 183, Series of 2017, otherwise known as the Revised Rules on the Administration and Enforcement of Labor Laws Pursuant to Article 128 of the Labor Code as renumbered.

In a related development, DOLE Secretary Silvestre H. Bello III signed another Administrative Order to strengthen the Inspection Program. Administrative Order No. 14 Series of 2022 issued last January 21, has authorized the Foreign National Labor Inspectors (FNLIs) to conduct Verification Inspection in establishments employing foreign nationals, to conduct validation of Alien Employment Permits (AEPs), to conduct monitoring of compliance with JMC 20-4A and other verification related activities until June 30, 2022.

Three hundred eighty-five (385) FNLIs were given the authority to inspect. They shall be joined by one regular labor inspector with issued Authority to Verify/Inspect who shall be the team leader supervising the conduct of the inspection.

The DOLE is expected to surpass its 2021 accomplishment on enforcement. The Departments' Labor Inspection and OSH Covid Monitoring covered 91,505 establishments with 122.01 % performance rate covering 3, 891,721 number of workers last year.

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