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DOLE lauds research-based recommendations on telecommuting for government



DOLE-BWC OIC-Director Nicanor Bon during the *Work From Home Beyond COVID* Roundtable Discussion held at the Philippine International Convention Center

Department of Labor and Employment-Bureau of Working Conditions (DOLE-BWC) OIC Director Nicanor “Nick” Bon, joined the National Research Council of the Philippines (NRCP) as they showcase the research results on telecommuting work arrangement during the *Work From Home Beyond COVID* Roundtable Discussion held on 28 July 2022 at the Philippine International Convention Center.

The Roundtable Discussion presented the research results conducted by the NRCP-funded program, Conduct of a National Survey on the Telecommuting Preferences in the Public Sector, which focused on the positive implications and possible policy recommendations for the implementation of telecommuting work arrangement at the government level. The empirical findings of the research aimed to back the policymakers in terms of WFH dialogue.

The NRCP-funded program has three (3) component projects namely:

- 1.) TeleWork@PH¹ that generates quantitative data based on survey results;
- 2.) G-TWICE², a mobile application that estimates the telecommuting cost of WFH setup; and
- 3.) MATINO³, a website calculator for online costs and savings relative to the adoption of WFH.

The data provided by the component projects will serve as bases for the creation of a more workable and efficient WFH scheme.

During the Stakeholders’ Response, OIC Nick acknowledged in his message, the beneficial and practical impact of the implementation of work from home (WFH) or telecommuting work arrangement in the government especially during the imposition of nationwide lockdowns and mobility restrictions, adding that the Department is always supportive of this undertaking.

At present, the DOLE Technical Working Group has started convening for the periodic review of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 11165 or the Telecommuting Act.

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¹ Telecommuting Preferences of Government Workers in the Philippines

² Government Telecommuting Work Infrastructure Cost Estimator

³ Modeling Analysis of Telework Impact in the ‘New Normal’