



## More than 100 companies participate in the ECC and DOLE RO 6 advocacy seminar in Bacolod City

The Employees' Compensation Commission (ECC), together with the DOLE Regional Office No. 6, conducted an awareness drive on the Employees' Compensation Program (ECP) and DOLE livelihood and skills seminar for almost 200 participants at O Hotel in Bacolod City on 23 August 2012.

The one-day seminar aimed at increasing the awareness of employers and workers on the EC Program and the various skills and livelihood programs of the DOLE.

The Bacolod ECP advocacy seminar is the fourth this year after doing the same in regions 3, 5 and 11. The activity will be replicated in Cordillera Administrative Region and Caraga Region (Region 13) to bring the Employees' Compensation Program closer to the workers.

### Certified true copies of official receipts for EC medical reimbursement now acceptable

The Employees' Compensation Commission (ECC) has adopted a policy accepting certified true copies of official receipts in the filing of claims for EC reimbursement to facilitate the speedy processing of medical reimbursement under the Employees' Compensation Program (ECP).

Secretary Baldoz, board chair of the ECC said the policy was issued in response to the call of the claimants who could not submit original copies of receipts of their medical expenses incurred for the treatment of their work-related sickness or injuries as these were likewise required by PhilHealth or their Health Maintenance Organization.

The newly issued policy provides that when claimants for EC medical reimbursement could not submit the original copies of their official receipts since the same are in the custody of PhilHealth or any HMO, the medical expenses may be proved by photocopies of medical receipts stamped with "Certified true copy" by the PhilHealth official or by an HMO authorized representative in custody of the official receipts.

"The said policy guarantees the early settlement of claims and the prompt payment of income benefits of workers who suffered from work-connected diseases or injuries," the labor and employment chief finally said.



Chief of Information and Public Assistance Division, Ma. Cecilia E. Maulion together with Dr. Ma. Sarah Antonina Concepcion and Alicia S. Borres at the Press Conference during the ECC Advocacy Program at O Hotel in Bacolod City on August 22, 2012. Photo below shows Alicia Borres answering question posed by participants.

Prior to the issuance of the said policy, submission of the original official receipts were required in the processing of claims for work-related contingencies under the EC Program.

# ECC grants below elbow prosthesis to ODWs

The Employees' Compensation Commission recently provided artificial prosthesis for two occupationally-disabled workers (ODWs) under its Katulong at Gabay sa Manggagawang may Kapansanan (KaGabay) Program.

One beneficiary is Mr. Robin A. Esquerdo, 38 years old, married and presently residing in Novaliches, Quezon City. He was formerly employed in Vanson Paper Industrial Corporation in Valenzuela City as repacker. In August 2011, while he was feeding paper on a roller machine, he accidentally slipped from the stool where he was standing. His left wrist and hand got stuck inside the roller machine which caused him lacerations. He was rushed to Fatima Medical Hospital and was advised to undergo surgery to amputate the affected part. Few weeks after the operation, he was referred to undergo physical therapy at the Philippine General Hospital for six sessions due to intermittent numbness and tingling sensation on the distant portion of his amputated limb. On August 13, 2012, he was provided with below elbow prosthesis amounting to P90,000.00 which was paid by the ECC under its KaGabay Program to make him a productive member of our society once again. Mr. Esquerdo revealed his intention to undergo entrepreneurial training on laundry/dishwashing detergent & fabric conditioner to augment his income generated from selling dried fish.

Another beneficiary of the ECC KaGabay Program is Benedicto Gaviola, 38 years old, single and resident of Novaliches, Quezon City. He was a machine operator at Magnatrum Electronic Company in Quezon City for one year when his arm got stuck in the machine resulting in the amputation of his right hand. He was terminated from his company because he can no longer perform his task as a machine operator.

The ECC informed him about its rehabilitation services. He availed training services at the Samson Institute of Technology in Quezon City where he took up General Radio Communication Operator for 2 years. Because of his training, he obtained a permanent position at the Philippine National Police as an Electronic Communication Equipment Technician. He expressed his profound gratitude to the ECC for supporting his training needs which became useful to his present work. On August 15, 2012, he was provided with artificial prosthesis worth P90,000 to assist him in his various activities as electronic equipment technician at the PNP.



Robin Esquerdo with Executive Director Stella Zipagan-Banawis, together with Dr. Melba Y. Sacro, Chief of the Work Contingency Prevention and Rehabilitation Division and ECC Nurse Anne Misa, during a courtesy call of Esquerdo at the ECC on August 13, 2012.



Benedicto Gaviola shows his newly-fitted below elbow prosthesis to the Chief of WCPRD, Dr. Melba Sacro and ECC Nurse Anne Misa on August 15, 2012 at the ECC.

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