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## DECEMBER 2012 GOOD NEWS

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GOOD GOVERNANCE, TRANSPARENCY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY	
<b>ECC is my bridge to a better life, says worker</b>	<p>The Employees' Compensation Commission (ECC) built a bridge to a better life for me, said <b>Joel Maglangit</b>.</p> <p>Maglangit, 47 years old, was one of the beneficiaries of the Employees' Compensation Commission's <b>Katulong at Gabay sa Manggagawang may Kapansanan (ECC-KaGabay) Program</b>. He was a former security guard in Makati City. While on his way to report for work, he met a vehicular accident which resulted to the amputation of his left leg. Due to his disability, he was forced to resign from employment.</p> <p>The <b>Employees' Compensation Program (ECP)</b> granted Mr. Maglangit with permanent partial disability (PPD) benefits amounting to four thousand five hundred (P4,500.00) pesos per month for forty six (46) months. Aside from the cash income benefit, he underwent twenty four (24) sessions of physical therapy at the Philippine General Hospital through the ECC's KaGabay Program and he was likewise granted a left leg prosthesis.</p> <p>During one of his therapy sessions, thru the ECC's intervention, a doctor got interested on his case and offered him a regular job. Now, Maglangit has been working as a driver at the Philippine Branch Office of The Cambodia Trust, an NGO working for disadvantaged people. The Cambodia Trust also granted scholarship for Maglangit's two children ages 18 and 17. The Maglangit's siblings are both taking up Bachelor of Science in Prosthetics and Orthotics at the University of the East Ramon Magsaysay Medical Center.</p> <p>Now, I have a much better life compared to my life as a security guard. This was mainly because of the Employees' Compensation Commission, Maglangit added in a vernacular.</p> <p>The ECC's KaGabay Program ensures that occupationally disabled workers are put back to their pre-injury conditions, which make them continue to work and a productive member of society once again.</p>

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*Joel Maglangit, a former security guard who met an accident while he was on his way to work. Maglangit was granted leg prosthesis under the ECC's KaGabay Program. He is currently working at the Philippine Branch Office of the Cambodia Trust as a driver. With him is Nancy Bonto, Social Welfare Officer II of ECC's Work Contingency Prevention and Rehabilitation Division (WCPRD).*

**ECP grants  
P528.6M benefits  
in first half of  
2012**

**Labor and Employment Secretary Rosalinda Dimapilis-Baldoz** said that the Employees' Compensation Program (ECP) has granted **P528.6M** in benefit payments covering **137,259** claims filed by public and private sector workers in the first half of 2012.

ECP is a program of the Employees' Compensation Commission administered by the Social Security System (SSS) for the private sector and the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) for the public sector. It seeks to mitigate income risks associated with work-related sickness or injury resulting to disability or death.

"The State Insurance Fund (SIF) which is managed separately by the SSS and the GSIS, holds the contributions paid by the private sector employers and the government agencies, finances the ECP's benefit payments comprising of sickness, medical services, disability, rehabilitation services, funeral and death benefits," Baldoz added.

The **SSS** has granted a total of **P510.56 million** worth of benefits for **134,606 claims** in the private sector. The death and pension benefit has the highest benefit payment granted for the private sector employees.

Meanwhile, the **GSIS** granted a total of **P18.07 million** worth of benefits for **2,653 claims** in the government sector. Disability benefits registered the largest chunk in benefit payments for the government employees.

Citing the report of **ECC Executive Director Stella Zipagan-**



	<p><b>Banawis</b>, Secretary Baldoz said that the total contributions remitted by the private sector employers to the SSS-managed SIF in the first half of 2012 amounted to <b>P728.92 million</b> while the government remitted a total of <b>P973.55 million</b> to the GSIS-managed SIF.</p> <p>As of June 30, 2012, total reserves of the SSS-managed SIF amounted to <b>P28.52 billion</b> while the GSIS-managed SIF has a total unassigned surplus of <b>P9.60 billion</b>. This will be allotted for future payment of EC claims.</p>
<p><b>ECC: Holistic approach in transforming lives of ODWs</b></p>	<p><b>Labor and Employment Secretary Rosalinda Dimapilis-Baldoz</b> recently said that the Employees' Compensation Commission (ECC), as policy and program coordinating body of the Employees' Compensation Program (ECP), must not only settle with giving away compensation benefits to occupationally disabled workers (ODWs) but ensuring that the ODWs will lead a normal life.</p> <p>Guided by this belief the ECC coined a tagline <b>"Higit pa sa benepisyo ang binibigay na serbisyo"</b>. A key factor in achieving this goal is thru case management. Once an ODW is identified, the ECC ensures coordination of services in terms of employees' compensation. Starting from the provision of occupational or physical therapy, granting of prosthesis to restore the physical and functional capability of ODWs, skills training or livelihood training to the provision of starter kit if the ODW wants to venture in micro-enterprise or home based business. These services are amply taken care of under the ECC-Katulong at Gabay sa Manggagawang may Kapansanan (KaGabay Program). On top of the said services, qualified ODW children may even avail of "The Special Program for Employment of Student" during Christmas and summer time.</p> <p><b>Jeffrey Caingcoy</b>, 21 years old of Zamboanga City, a fish carrier met a work-connected accident that resulted to the amputation of his left leg and eventually, caused his separation from work. Through the services provided by the KAGABAY Program he was referred to TESDA and ECC coordinated with his previous employer where he was eventually re-hired after retraining. He is now working in the same company as a net mender.</p> <p><b>Aldrin Ojastro</b>, a seaman, who met an accident while on board an ocean-going vessel, was granted an entrepreneurial course on goat raising at Nego-Skwela. He was able to put up a business of his own which only started from three pairs of goats and now he has 50 goats to care for. Now, he is planning to expand his business by buying more goats and hiring additional helpers.</p> <p><b>Danilo Cabar</b>, whose right hand was amputated while working as a machine operator, was granted by the ECC-Kagabay Program with below elbow prosthesis and underwent physical therapy at the Philippine General Hospital, is now into buying and selling of slimming tea products.</p> <p><b>Deonard Vicera</b> worked at Kea Industrial Corporation as machine</p>

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operator. After three months of working, his two fingers were amputated which caused his separation from employment. He underwent physical therapy at the PGH and was provided high definition cosmetic gloves to strengthen his hand. He was re-hired by his previous company as machine operator.

These are only a few of the ECP beneficiaries.

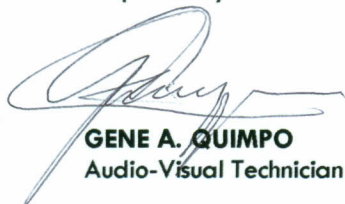
For CY 2012, a total of **82** ODWs were provided with physical therapy and/or occupational therapy at the ECC accredited institutions such as the Philippine General Hospital, Philippine Orthopedic Center, etc. The ECC funded therapy amounted to **P1,127,630.00**. Sixteen ODWs were provided with artificial prosthesis amounting to a total of **P1,056,930.00** and **100** ODWs were provided with livelihood courses and entrepreneurship training at the ECC accredited training institutions.

The holistic approach adopted by the ECC in helping the ODWs gives life to its slogan **"Higit pa sa benepisyo ang binibigay na serbisyo."**



Children of Occupationally Disabled Workers (ODWs) watch the clown perform his magic tricks during the Christmas Party for ODWs and their Families held at the ECC Multi-Purpose Hall on December 19, 2012. The annual celebration of this particular party has been one of ECC's yearend activities since 2009.

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