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GOOD NEWS	WHY GOOD NEWS
GOOD GOVERNANCE, TRANSPARENCY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY	
<p>ECP grants P1.145 billion in 2011</p>	<p>Labor and Employment Secretary Rosalinda Dimapilis-Baldoz recently said that the Employees' Compensation Program (ECP), through its administering agencies, the Social Security System (SSS) for the private sector and the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) for the public sector, has awarded a total of 1.145 billion in benefits payments covering 282,046 claims filed by workers in CY 2011.</p> <p>"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 further explained.</p> <p>Secretary Baldoz added that the benefits under the employees' compensation program seek to mitigate income risks associated with work-related sickness or injury which resulted to disability or death.</p> <p>The SSS-managed SIF funded a total of P1.08 billion worth of benefits for 274,121 claims in the private sector while the GSIS-managed SIF granted a total of P67.81 million for 7,925 claims in the government sector.</p> <p>The total benefit grants for the private sector employees are as follows: P817.06 million for death and pension, P116.15 million for disability benefits, P105.38 million for sickness benefits, P34.21 million for medical services, P4.03 million for funeral benefits and P.13 million for rehabilitation services.</p> <p>In the public sector, disability benefits registered the largest chunk in benefit payments which amounted to P35.13 million, P7.80 million for death and pension, P2.28 million for sickness, P17.32 million for medical services, P5.25 million for funeral benefits and P.03 million for rehabilitation services.</p> <p>Finally, Secretary Baldoz said that the DOLE is aware that despite the billions of benefits granted to the public and private</p>

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sector workers under the Employees' Compensation Program there are still a lot of workers and employers who have no knowledge on the benefits and privileges they can avail under the program that is why she directed ECC Executive Director Stella Zipagan-Banawis to intensify awareness on the ECP nationwide.

Director Banawis reported that the total contributions remitted by the private sector employers to the SSS in CY 2011 amounted to P1.37 billion while the government remitted a total of P1.97 billion to the GSIS-managed SIF.

At the end of 2011, the SIF was reported at P36.31 billion, that is P27.71 billion at the SSS and P8.6 billion at the GSIS.

Technical Review Panel (TRP) reviews the Criteria for the Compensability of Pneumoconiosis and Asbestos-related Diseases



Members of the Technical Review Panel (TRP) review the Criteria for the Compensability of Pneumoconiosis and Asbestos-related Diseases during its 6th Consultation Meeting at the ECC Training Room in Makati City on 12 July 2012. The TRP is composed of physicians from the Employees' Compensation Commission, the Government Service Insurance System, the Social Security System, the Bureau of Working Conditions, the Occupational Safety and Health Center, the Lung Center of the Philippines, TB Linc and the Philippine College of Occupational Medicine.

ECC assist and guide the victims in the filling up of EC application (ECC-QRT Visit)



Veronica Curimao, Social Worker Officer of the Employees' Compensation Commission, assists the wife of Security Guard Domingo Flotildes in filing an EC claim. Flotildes was wounded during a robbery incident in Robinson's Metro East in Pasig City on 23 June 2012.

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The Employees' Compensation Commission Quick Response Team (ECC-QRT) conducts a follow-up visit to victims of military grenade blast and ambush incidents in Isabela and Ifugao province at the AFP Medical Center (formerly V. Luna General Hospital) in Quezon City, Metro Manila in May 2012. The objective of the follow-up visit was to explain the Employees' Compensation Program in detail, assist and guide the victims in the filling up of EC application forms while they are still recuperating at the hospital.



The ECC-Quick Response Team explains the Employees' Compensation benefits to Capt. Mellyn Neroza of the Army Personnel Management Center, Mowel Fund Division, Philippine Army, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City during the team's visit on June 26, 2012 to validate the reports about the incident that took place in Brgy. Sinungtan, Guinobatan, Albay.

ECC aids ODW find decent work

The Employees' Compensation Commission (ECC), an attached agency of the Department of Labor and Employment, helps occupationally-disabled workers (ODWs) obtain decent employment thru its KaGabay or Katulong at Gabay sa Manggagawang may Kapansanan Program.

One of those who benefitted from the ECC-KaGabay Program was Beltranico Balcena, Jr, a management trainee of Honda Motors Sports in Makati City. After a client's visit, Balcena met a vehicular accident while cruising along Buendia Avenue onboard a company issued motorcycle. Because of his injury in 2006, Mr. Balcena, Jr. was out of work due to his disability until 2008.

For his work-connected disability, he was granted a total of Php 91,658.00 employees' compensation benefits. Aside from this, he availed of the skills training under the EC KaGabay Program for which he enrolled in the AutoCAD Training Course at the ECC accredit training institution, the MFI Training Institute in Laguna. During his training, he was hired by the Marksteel

	<p>Construction Corporation in GMA, Cavite as Cadet Engineer. Currently, he is the project engineer of Technology Builders and Management Corporation, Nestle Philippines, Inc. in Cabuyao, Laguna.</p> <p>Balcena said that "I am thanking God first in everything and second to the ECC because they gave me the opportunity to start anew and to have a decent work after disability."</p> <p>Now, Balcena receives a monthly salary of P24,000.00 and he finds his knowledge in AutoCad valuable in the performance of his function as project engineer.</p>
ECC conducts ECP seminars for almost 200 companies	<p>The ECC conducted 11 seminars in July 2012 which benefited a total of 197 companies with 530 HR managers, supervisors, administrative officers, safety managers in Metro Manila, Baguio City, Cagayan de Oro City, Zamboanga City and Roxas City.</p>

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