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SEPTEMBER 2012 GOOD NEWS

GOOD NEWS	WHY GOOD NEWS
GOOD GOVERNANCE, TRANSPARENCY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY	
<p>ECC MODIFIES DECISION OF THE SSS, BAGUIO BRANCH</p>	<p>Saturnino Bisenio, 61 years old and a former miner in two different mining companies in Baguio City, was granted Employees' Compensation benefits for his hearing loss in addition to medical reimbursement incurred by him as decided by the Employees' Compensation Commission (ECC).</p> <p>The grant of EC benefits was a modification of the decision of the Social Security System Baguio City Branch stating that there was no proof that his hearing loss was due to his employment as well as his working conditions of the mine site.</p> <p>In modifying the decision, the ECC stressed that in determining whether a disease or injury is compensable, it is enough that there exists a reasonable causal connection between the employee's job and the working conditions. In the case of Bisenio, there was exposure to noise brought about by the machines and dynamite blasting in the mine site.</p>
<p>Leptospirosis traced to employment is compensable, says ECC</p>	<p>The Employees' Compensation Commission (ECC), an attached agency of the Department of Labor and Employment, granted an appeal of the widow of a former laborer of Jenny Farms in Negros Occidental, by authorizing the grant of death benefits. Death was caused by leptospirosis.</p> <p>The widow's claim for death benefits under the employees' compensation program was denied by the Social Security System (SSS) because the claim was not supported by laboratory exam or microscopic agglutination test (MAT) for leptospirosis. She appealed to the Employees' Compensation Commission (ECC), to review the adverse decision of the SSS.</p> <p>The worker's early demise at age 35 was traced to his job. He was instructed to dig a canal at Jenny's Farms at the time</p>


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	<p>when he had an open wound on his foot. Four days later, he was brought to hospital due to body weakness and abdominal pain. After seven days, he succumbed to leptospirosis.</p> <p>According to the ECC, medical studies provide information that antibodies that are detected in MAT generally do not reach detectable levels until the second week of illness. The ECC disagreed with the SSS because due to the severity of the worker's illness, the patient succumbed before a MAT could be done.</p> <p>The ECC noted that the bacteria which causes leptospirosis may enter through cuts and skin abrasions. The widow's husband had an open wound when he dug the canal at the farm and it can be inferred that the risk of contracting leptospirosis was increased by his work environment.</p> <p>The ECC ordered the SSS to pay the surviving spouse EC death benefits in accordance with the Employees' Compensation Program.</p> <p>EC claims for sickness or injury resulting in disability or death are filed at the SSS for the private sector and the GSIS for the public sector.</p>
<p>Tree Planting Activity</p>	 <p><i>OIC-Executive Director Stella Zipagan-Banawis and other ECC staff listen to Roy Gulame, Development Management Officer of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) as he conducts a briefing prior to the tree planting activity at Sta. Maria, Laguna on September 14, 2012.</i></p>

Workshop-Seminar on Technical and Press Release Writing



Professor Danilo A. Arao of the Development Center for Asia Africa Pacific (DCAAP) explains the right approach and techniques in preparing memos, reports, manuals and press releases to better improve the technical writing skills of the ECC employees at the ECC Multi Purpose Hall last September 26-28, 2012


ECC intensifies awareness drive on the EC Program

The ECC conducted 21 seminars in September 2012 which benefited a total of 278 companies with 890 HR managers, supervisors, administrative officers, safety managers in Metro Manila, Siquijor, Iloilo City, Cabuyao, Laguna, Bacolod City, Bohol, Dumaguete City, Catanduanes, Isabela, Basilan, and Carcar City.

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