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ECP Advocacy goes full swing in May

The Employees' Compensation Commission (ECC) conducted an Employees' Compensation Program (ECP) seminars at Lucena City and Boracay, Aklan during the month of May 2013. The ECC conducts regular advocacy seminar to bring ECP information closer to the regions.

The participants were composed of HR officers, union representatives, and employers from various companies in Regions IV-A on May 9, 2013 and VI on May 23, 2013. The turn-out of the events was way beyond what the ECC Advocacy Team expected. The two venues were jam-packed with participants exceeding the 120-seat capacity of each place,

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Regional Director Ponciano M. Ligutom of DOLE Region 6, welcomes the participants of the ECP Advocacy seminar held at the Crown Regency Resorts and Hotels, Boracay Island, Malay, Aklan on May 23, 2013.

ECC increases EC benefits for public sector employees

President Benigno S. Aquino III recently signed an executive order increasing the amount of employees' compensation benefits granted

for employees in the public sector.

The increased EC benefits apply to Temporary Total benefits which shall be increased from ninety

(P90.00) to two hundred pesos (P200.00) per day; Funeral benefits, from three thousand (P3,000.00) to ten thousand pesos (P10,000.00); Professional fees for the first visit to a general medical practitioner shall be increased from sixty (P60.00) to one hundred pesos (P100.00), and from eighty (P80.00) to one hundred fifty pesos (P150.00) for a specialist. For succeeding visits, professional fees shall be from sixty (P60.00) to eighty pesos (P80.00) for a general medical practitioner, and from fifty (P50.00) to one hundred pesos (P100.00) for a specialist.

These developments equalize the amount of EC benefits in the public sector with the amount of benefits presently enjoyed by employees in the private sector. A GSIS actuarial study showed that the EC-SIF can finance the above amount without requiring additional contributions from EC members.

The ECC, under P.D. 626, as amended, has the authority to up-

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Dr. Claro del Prado of the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) shares some of the problems and issues encountered by the System with regards to the present rates of EC medical benefits during the meeting of the Technical Review Panel on Upgrading of EC Medical benefits held at the ECC Multipurpose Hall on May 28, 2013.

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grade benefits and grant new ones, subject to the approval of the President, provided that the actuarial stability of the State Insurance Fund shall be guaranteed, and such increases in the benefit shall not require any increase in the EC contributions.

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such that, some chairs had to be pulled-in just to accommodate the others. Some of the participants, particularly those from the neighboring provinces, were already at the place even before the call time at 8:00 in the morning.

The ECP Advocacy seminars showcased the three main components of the EC Program; Prevention, Compensation, and Rehabilitation services. In addition



ECC employees take the lighter side as Auditor Rahula F. Cueno led the ice breaker activity during the Seminar on Effective Oral Communication/ Public Speaking and Human Relation held at the ECC Multipurpose Hall on May 17, 2013.



Ma. Cecilia E. Maulion, Chief of ECC Information and Public Assistance Division (right) answers questions from media practitioners during ECP advocacy presscon held at Queen Margaret Hotel, Lucena City on May 8, 2013. Also in the picture are Dr. Raymond Bañaga, ECC Medical Officer (middle), and Alice S. Borres, ECC Information Officer (left).

to these, a portion of each seminar was allotted to the various livelihood and skills programs implemented by the respective DOLE Regional Offices, and the "Batas Kasambahay."

The coordination between the ECC and DOLE Regional Offices is pursuant to Labor Secretary Rosalinda Dimapilis-Baldoz's directive to strengthen linkages between the DOLE attached agencies and regional offices, for an efficient and convenient implementation of the DOLE programs and projects. It is also a mode of information dissemination to keep the public abreast of the social protection programs and benefits available to them.

The seminars were free of charge.

ECC grants carer's allowance to EC pensioners in the public sector

President Benigno S. Aquino III issued Executive Order No. 134 on "Granting of Carer's Allowance to Employees' Compensation (EC) Permanent Partial Disability (PPD) and Permanent Total Disability (PTD) Pensioners in the Public Sector," upon recognizing the need to provide additional financial assistance to EC pensioners in the public sector.

The Executive Order provides for an amount of five hundred seventy five

pesos (P575.00) per month to EC PPD and PTD pensioner suffering from work-related contingency.

The issuance aims to equalize the EC benefits granted to the public sector with that of the private sector workers who suffered from work-related disability. As shown in the GSIS actuarial studies, the GSIS-managed State Insurance Fund (SIF) can finance the above amount without requiring additional contributions from the EC members.

The ECC, under P.D. 626, as amended, has the authority, among others, to upgrade benefits and grant new ones, subject to the approval of the President, provided that the actuarial stability of the State Insurance Fund shall be guaranteed, and such increases in the benefit shall not require any increase in the EC contributions.

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