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### ECC hosted planning meeting on 'Seminar-Workshop on Tuberculosis Prevention and Control in the Workplace'



*ECC Medical Officer Dr. Raymond C. Bañaga gives a brief background on tuberculosis prevention during the planning meeting on "Seminar-Workshop on Tuberculosis Prevention" held at the ECC Multipurpose Hall on July 8, 2013. Present during the meeting were DOLE NCR Assistant Regional Director Benjo Santos M. Benavidez, Dr. Daryll Bautista (OSHC), Dr. Mark Valeros (BWC), Mr. Roberto M. Belchez (DOH-CHD, NCR) and ECC Medical Officer, Dr. Sarah Antonia I. Concepcion.*

On July 8, 2013, Employees' Compensation Commission hosted the planning meeting relative to the 1-day seminar workshop on tuberculosis prevention and control in the workplace.

The meeting was attended by Atty. Benjo Santos Benavidez, Assistant Regional Director of the DOLE NCR, Dr. Daryll Bautista of the OSHC, Dr. Marco Valeros of the Bureau of Working Conditions, Roberto Belchez of the DOH-CHD, NCR,

Dr. Sarah Concepcion and Dr. Raymond Banaga, both representatives of the ECC.

The meeting is in line with the aim of the Comprehensive Unified Policy (CUP), under Executive Order No. 187 of 2003 and the Department Order 73-05 issued by the DOLE entitled, 'Guidelines for the Implementation of Policy and Program on Tuberculosis Prevention and Control in the Workplace'. It intends to harmonize workplace health

policies and programs in areas of development, collaboration, implementation, compliance and monitoring.

Tuberculosis, both pulmonary and extra-pulmonary, is one of the top causes of employees' compensation claims in the country. This data prompted the need to have a unified implementation of TB prevention and control, particularly, on the fol-

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### ECC attended to the needs of a gondola mishap victim

The Employees' Compensation Commission deployed its Quick Response Program Team (QRPT) to the Philippine General Hospital on June 25, 2013, to visit Percy Gozarin, a 23 years old victim of a gondola mishap which occurred at the construction site of SM Aura in Fort Bonifacio, Taguig. Mr. Gozarin was confined for severe head injuries.

The visit provided assistance to the victim of the work related contingency by informing about compensation and benefits under the Employees' Compensation Program. Help was also extended in the facilitation on the filing of EC claims and provision of psychological counseling and a bag of groceries to the family members.

The gondola mishap happened on June 18, 2013, when the gondola fell due to the break on the stretched-out adjustable buckle hook. Mr. Gozarin, at the time of the incident, was on top of the gondola with no harness and appropriate personal protective equipment. Among the several

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**"Higit pa sa benepisyo ang binibigay na serbisyo."**



## ECC conducted 2013 Tree Planting Activity

The Employees' Compensation Commission, an attached agency of the Department of Labor and Employment, conducted a 1-day tree planting activity at Kapatalan, Sinoloan, Laguna on July 12, 2013.

This activity is in line with the DENR National Greening Program (NGP), a massive forest rehabilitation program of the government which seeks to grow 1.5 billion trees in 1.5 million hectares nationwide. The NGP also aims to alleviate poverty by providing alternative livelihood activities for marginalized upland and lowland households through seedling production and maintenance of newly-planted trees.

There were forty-eight (48) eager ECC employees who participated in this activity. They left the ECC Makati office before sunrise to avoid the heavy rush-hour traffic in the Metro. Upon arriving at the designated venue, they immediately scouted the place, passing through rocky, muddy, and shrubby pathways, braving the erratic weather condition during the time, to find a perfect area where to plant the seedlings.

An ECC employee commented that, "this activity brings a positive perspective that someday these seedlings may grow into big trees of life." At the end of the



*ECC-QRT's Joy Denoga and Dr. Sarah Antonia I. Concepcion give advice to the brothers of Percy Gozarin on documents needed in the filing of his EC claim. Percy Gozarin, a construction worker, sustained severe injuries when the gondola he and his co-workers were on suddenly fell while they were doing a routine work on June 18, 2013.*

tiring effort, the ECC employees went back to their respective places of abode with an intangible altruistic feeling in their hearts and minds.

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workers using the gondola, it was him who suffered the worst injury.

It was later found out that the victim has no SSS coverage and the company had not been observing the proper safety measures relative to its working premises and employees. Such information was endorsed to the proper DOLE offices and to SSS for inspection and/or appropriate action.

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lowing aspects: (a) information relative to the disease; (b) case detection, referral, and treatment; (c) compliance with Occupational Safety and Health and Labor Standards; (d) tools for inspection and monitoring; and (e) best practices suitable for small, medium, or large enterprises.

The target participants of the said seminar-workshop, which will be scheduled within the year, will be employers, workers, and government agencies. The workshop has the end in view of producing and developing a standard TB prevention and control policies in the workplace.



*It's more fun planting trees. ECC Employees pose and clown with Louie Loreña, a staff of DENR-Rizal (in black shirt) during the 2013 ECC Tree Planting Activity in Kapatalan, Sinoloan, Laguna on July 12, 2013.*

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