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### ECC calls on EC Survivorship Pensioners to register with GSIS

The Employees' Compensation Commission, pursuant to its mandate to provide appropriate and meaningful benefits for workers who are victims of work-related contingencies, lifted the suspension of payment of EC death benefits in the public sector beyond the five-year guaranteed period through ECC Board Resolution No. 12-07-16 dated 27 July 2012.

The resumption of payment of survivorship pension is now being implemented by the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) with prospective application and subject to the following qualifications.

1. Those EC survivorship pensioners who are actually receiving pen-

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ECC Medical Officer Dr. Raymond Raymond C. Bañaga gives a brief background on the Employees' Compensation Program (ECP) to the members of Visionaries, a non-government organization which promotes the welfare of the visually impaired persons (VIP). (Inset) Gina Rose Balanlay (2nd from left), Raymond Reyes (extreme right) of Visionaries, and Marlo Lucas of Resources for the Blind.

### ECC clarifies continued coverage of AFP, PNP, BFP, and BJMP members under the EC program



**Seriously funny.** Ms. Alice Borres, ECC Information Officer, delivers her funny anecdotes based on real cases of EC claims, during ECP Advocacy seminar held at Hotel Roma, Tuguegarao City on August 1, 2013.

Labor and Employment Secretary Rosalinda Dimapilis-Baldoz recently announced that the employees' compensation program covers uniformed personnel of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and the Philippine National Police (PNP) including the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) and Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP).

Baldoz, chair of the Employees' Compensation Commission Board, said that ECC Executive Director Stella Zipagan-Banawis has reported that the ECC received a lot of queries regarding the coverage of the uniformed members of the AFP, PNP, BFP and BJMP under the EC Program since they have their separate retirement and benefits system.

"The GSIS Law or Republic Act No. 8291 does not cover members of the AFP and the PNP. *Continued on next page*



## ECC creates more regional extension units

The Employees' Compensation Commission, an attached agency of the Department of Labor and Employment, will soon open additional ECC Regional Extension Units (ECC-REUs) in various regions in the country, to extend its programs and services nationwide.

This undertaking is pursuant to Labor and Employment Secretary Rosalinda Dimapilis-Baldoz's directive to stretch the

The new Regional Extension units that will be opened are in San Fernando City, La Union; Tuguegarao City; San Fernando City, Pampanga; Calapan City, Mindoro; Legazpi City; Iloilo City; Tacloban City; Davao City; and Butuan City.

Once these additional extension units operate full-swing, the public can now refer any EC matter in their respective regions with convenience and immediate attention.

Currently, the ECC has existing regional extension units at Baguio City, Cebu City, Zamboanga City, Cagayan de Oro City and Koronadal City.

quired during minority;

For those who are entitled to this benefit, the GSIS is now processing the resumption of your pension. However, the GSIS shall first create your record in its database, hence, all qualified pensioners are enjoined to visit and inquire at the nearest GSIS regional office, and thereafter, enroll for the Land Bank eCard where your monthly pension will be credited.

For further inquiries, kindly visit the GSIS Branch nearest your residence or call ECC at 899-4251 or 52 local 227 or 228.

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They are instead covered by a separate social insurance agency/service namely the AFP-Retirement and Separation Benefits System (RSBS), PNP-Police Retirement Benefit Service, BFP-Retirement and Benefits Administrative Service and BJMP-Retirement and Benefits Administration Service," said Baldoz, citing Banawis report.

"These uniformed personnel are, however, covered by the ECC which is administered by the GSIS. Thus, in the event of work-connected sickness, injury or death of the said covered employees, they or their beneficiaries may file an EC claim at any GSIS branch nearest to their places of work or residences," Baldoz added.

"The EC benefits available are loss of income benefits or sickness benefit, medical benefit, carer's allowance and rehabilitation services such as, physical restoration, skills training for re-employment and entrepreneurship training under the ECC- KaGabay Program," Baldoz finally said.



Noel A. Edanio (2nd from left), the first ODW recipient of arm prosthesis from ECC in Cagayan de Oro City, and his wife Jenny (2nd from right) pose with Stella De Dios (extreme right) and Fatima Idul (extreme left) of ECC-CDO Field Office. (Inset) Noel while being fitted by Mr. Rafael Soldevilla of SGG Orthocare and Medical Enterprises at Polymedic Plaza Hospital, Cagayan de Oro City. As a Local Boiler Unit Operator in Del Monte Philippines, Noel was performing a maintenance check of the boiler when his hand was accidentally caught by the feeder resulting to injury and amputation of his left arm.

arms of social protection programs to reach the far-flung areas of the country, and make it available to our workers who reside in different regions.

Recently, the vacant positions for Information Officer II and Administrative Officer II have been published, and the ECC has commenced the selection process for new personnel to man the Regional Extension Units that will soon be in operation.

The two new personnel in each extension office will work closely with the DOLE Regional Offices where they will also establish offices. Their main tasks are to strengthen the EC Program information dissemination through lectures and seminar, attend to EC concerns of the region, provide assistance to claimants of EC cases, introduce and facilitate the KaGaBay program which includes rehabilitation services and livelihood training for the occupationally disabled workers, and serve as ECC Quick Response Team, to visit sites where a work-related contingency occurred.

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sions as of August 2012 shall no longer be subject to the 5-year cap;

2. Those who will be entitled to receive EC survivorship pension after August 2012 shall no longer be subject to the 5-year cap; and

3. Those EC survivorship pensioners whose pensions were stopped due to the 5-year cap will have their pension accrual from August 2012 processed.

Additional requirement with regard to the surviving legitimate spouse under this policy is that, he/she should have not remarried. And for the dependent children, the qualifications for them to be entitled are:

1. must be unmarried
2. must not be gainfully employed; and
3. must not be over 21 years of age; or
4. Over 21 years of age provided he/she is incapable of self-support due to a physical or mental defect which is congenital or ac-

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