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JANUARY 2013 GOOD NEWS

GOOD NEWS	WHY GOOD NEWS
GOOD GOVERNANCE, TRANSPARENCY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY	
<p>ECC grants disability benefits to a seaman for knee injury</p>	<p>The Employees' Compensation Commission (ECC) recently granted EC temporary total disability (TTD) benefits and reimbursement of medical expenses to Arnel V. Mariano for his work-connected knee injury. ob</p> <p>Mariano, a 47 year-old resident of Caloocan City, has suffered a knee-injury while employed as a chief cook by Scanmar Maritime Services, Inc. in Makati City.</p> <p>Due to severe pain on his injured knee, he was advised for repatriation.</p> <p>Upon returning to the Philippines, he filed a claim for EC temporary total disability (TTD) benefits with the Social Security System (SSS). The SSS ruled against Mariano's claim stating that his condition was considered pre-existing considering that he underwent a ligament operation on the same knee prior to the accident.</p> <p>The ECC reversed the decision of the SSS.</p> <p>According to ECC, there was a failure on the part of the SSS to consider the fact that the knee injury was sustained while Mariano was performing his duty onboard the vessel. It was the responsible cause that leads to the manifestation of his claimed illness. It was also established that there was neither misconduct nor negligence on the part of the claimant. Thus, it was the performance of his duties that caused the injury, and therefore, it is compensable under the EC Program.</p> <p>Employees' Compensation Commission (ECC) is an attached agency of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) whose mandate is to provide a meaningful and appropriate compensation to workers in the event of work-related contingencies.</p> <p>EC claims for sickness or injury resulting in disability or death are filed at the SSS for the private sector and the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) for the public sector.</p>

ECC partners with Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center to provide rehabilitation services to ODWs

Baguio City- The Employees' Compensation Commission (ECC), an attached agency of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), recently established partnership with Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center (BGHMC), by signing a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to provide rehabilitation services to occupationally disabled workers (ODWs) under the ECC's *Katulong at Gabay sa Manggagawang may Kapansanan* (KAGABAY) Program.

The KaGabay Program aims to integrate ODWs into the economic mainstream through granting of physical or occupational therapy services. These services can be availed of by workers with approved EC disability benefits from the SSS for the private sector including sea-based OFWs with manning agencies based in the Philippines, and the Government Service Insurance System for the public sector.

The MOA provide that ODWs, who are in need of physical restoration therapy, should be referred by ECC to the BGHMC. This aims to integrate the ODWs as productive members of society. BGHMC will render physical or occupational rehabilitation therapy services to the referred ODWs. These services are free of charge for the ODWs.

ECC CAR is located at the DOLE, CAR Office in Cabinet Hills, Baguio City.



Gil Datayan, ECC Regional staff for CAR and Manuel V. Factora, M.D., MHA-Medical Center Chief, Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center (BGHMC), shakes hands after the signing of Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between ECC and BGHMC. The MOA will provide rehabilitation services to occupationally disabled workers (ODWs) under the ECC's *Katulong at Gabay sa Manggagawang may Kapansanan* (KAGABAY) Program.

ECC Advocacy Seminar grand kick-off in Cebu City

The Employees' Compensation Commission (ECC) conducted its grand kick-off for the first ECP Advocacy Seminar in the year 2013 in Cebu City on January 24, 2013. This is in line with ECC's commitment to intensify its information campaign nationwide.

The participants, composed of HR officers, safety officers, company nurses, workers from the private and public sector, were welcomed by Director Tango of DOLE Region VII. She emphasized in her welcoming remarks the thrust of the Department of Labor and Employment in giving importance to work contingency prevention.

The ECC Team led by Ma. Cecilia E. Maulion, Chief, ECC-IPAD, discussed the Employees' Compensation Program (ECP) and its components which are the following: prevention, compensation, and rehabilitation for work-related injuries and illnesses.

Likewise, a representative of the DOLE Region VII discussed the DOLE programs in the region.

The ECP Advocacy Seminar, in general, was successful in serving its purpose to enlighten participants on the ECC, as a government agency, and the EC Program it implements; to answer queries; clarify issues; and change misconceptions relative to the matter.



Atty. Gloria A. Tango, Regional Director of DOLE Region 7 delivers the welcome remarks during the ECC's ECP Advocacy Seminar held at the Waterfront Hotel in Cebu City on January 24, 2013.



Participants in the recent ECP Advocacy listen as ECC lecturers discussed the preventive, compensative and rehabilitative components of the Employees' Compensation program. The seminar was attended by 185 human resource officers and representatives from 137 companies in Region VII.

**ODW Credit
Cooperative:
Connecting lives
of ODWs**



All smiles for the officers and members of the newly-created ODW Credit Cooperative during their Free Membership Education Seminar conducted by Makati Cooperative Development Office held at ECC Multi-Purpose Hall on January 15, 2013.

**Curriculum Based
Training on Start
Your Own
Business
Enterprise
(CBT-SYOBE) for
Occupationally-
Disabled Workers
(ODWs)**



Wilmer De Andres, an occupationally-disabled worker (ODW) and a recipient of scholarship under ECC's KaGabay Program, shares the story behind the success of his meatshop business to fellow ODWs during the last session of the Curriculum Based Training on Start Your Own Business Enterprise (CBT-SYOBE) held at the ECC Multi-Purpose Hall on January 30, 2013.

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