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<b>GOOD GOVERNANCE, TRANSPARENCY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY</b>	
<b>ECC advisory to victims of Typhoon 'Yolanda' and other calamities</b>	<p>Labor and Employment Secretary Rosalinda Dimapilis-Baldoz, chair of the Employees' Compensation Commission (ECC), recently announced that there is an Employees' Compensation Program (ECP) for employees and their dependents who were affected by the recent devastation brought about by typhoon 'Yolanda'.</p> <p>Baldoz encourages those who <i>suffered from injuries, sickness, or death during the performance of their duties during the super typhoon</i> and their beneficiaries to immediately file their EC claims. Those affected may include the following: <i>AFP, PNP, BJMP and BFP personnel; rescue teams/personnel of the NDRRMC, DSWD, Coast Guard and PAGASA; newscasters and news teams; members of rescue missions; medical teams; public transport employees; relief mission teams; security guards; and kasambahays.</i></p> <p>Baldoz added that the EC benefits include, loss of income benefits, medical services, carer's allowance, rehabilitation services, and death with funeral benefits, which can be claimed from the ECC's administering agencies- the Government Service Insurance System (<b>GSIS</b>) for the public sector workers or the Social Security System (<b>SSS</b>) for the private sector employees.</p> <p>"For inquiries on the Employees' Compensation Program and other related concerns, please call telephone number <b>899-4251</b>; or send an email message to <a href="mailto:ecc_mails@yahoo.com">ecc_mails@yahoo.com</a>, or check <a href="http://www.ecc.gov.ph">www.ecc.gov.ph</a> said Baldoz.</p>

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**ECC Regional Extension Unit launching in CARAGA**

The newly created Employee's Compensation Commission Regional Extension Unit (ECC REU) CARAGA was launched to the members of the local media in Butuan City, on October 18, 2013, during the monthly press conference of Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) and the Regional Coordinating Committee (RCC) meeting at the DOLE CARAGA Function Hall.

Atty. Johnson Cañete, DOLE Regional Director, introduced the ECC personnel who will be manning the ECC REU in Butuan City to the local broadcast and print media, which are composed of representatives from ABS-CBN Butuan, TV-5 Mindanao News, The Philippine Star, Manila Bulletin, News Courier, The International Filipino News, Philippine News Agency, Centro, Radyo ng Bayan, Hope Radio, DXBC and Radyo Trumpeta.

Ms. Olga Virginia A. Demata, Information Officer II, represented the ECC during the press conference. She provided a brief background on the agency, its various programs, and some basic information relative to the newly created extension unit. ECC flyers were handed out to the participants of the press conference, after the introduction.

A follow-up interview with the ABS-CBN's TV Patrol Caraga was held on October 21, 2013. The ECC representative took the opportunity to invite the Caraganons to visit the ECC REU CARAGA for additional information on Employees' Compensation.

The ECC REU CARAGA is located at the DOLE Regional Office, 3F LCP Bldg., P. Burgos St., Butuan City.

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**ECC conducts advocacy seminar in Puerto Princesa City**

The Employees' Compensation Commission (ECC), together with DOLE Region-4B, conducted an Employees' Compensation Program (ECP) and DOLE programs Seminar at Puerto Princesa's Hotel Centro, San Pedro National Highway, Puerto Princesa City, on November 21, 2013. This is in line with the ECC's objective to intensify awareness on the ECP and various programs of the DOLE.

On November 20, 2013, the ECC Advocacy Team conducted a press conference relative to the said event in Puerto Princesa City. It was attended by 25 media practitioners coming from various radio stations, publications, members of the Public Information Agency and representatives of the Provincial Information Office of Palawan.

Immediately after the press conference, phone-patch and live radio interviews were accommodated by the ECC Advocacy team leader, Deputy Executive Director Atty. Jonathan Villasoto.

The seminar proper, which was held on the next day, started early as participants filled the venue even before the scheduled time at 9 o'clock in the morning. One lecturer even commended the participants, and said that *"the people in this beautiful city reflect the progress of this place, by being on time. It shows a great deal on how you value time, a departure of the commonly observed 'filipino time', and it also demonstrates how you give respect to others."*

The ECC Team discussed the three main components of the EC Program: Prevention, Compensation, and Rehabilitation services. Also, a portion of the seminar was allotted to the various programs implemented by DOLE, which was presented by Ma. Socorro Marquez, DOLE Region 4B representative.

The participants reached a head count of 156, more than what was targeted by the Advocacy Team, composed of HR officers, union representatives and employers from various companies in Puerto Princesa City, other areas in Palawan and nearby provinces. Several queries on ECP were raised, and were satisfactorily answered by the Advocacy Team headed by ECC DED Villasoto.

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**Maria Cecilia E. Maulion**, Chief of ECC Information and Public Assistance Division gives a brief background on the **Employees' Compensation Commission (ECC)** and the **Employees' Compensation Program (ECP)** during the recently concluded ECP Advocacy Seminar in Region 4-B held at Hotel Centro, Puerto Princesa City in Palawan on November 21, 2013. **OIC Deputy Executive Director Jonathan T. Villosoto** is flocked by media practitioners from Region 4-B for a follow-up interview during the ECP Advocacy press conference.



**Nadzrina Muksin**, representative of the family of **Pfc Juffel G. Olaer**, Philippine Navy, who died during the Zamboanga siege last October 2013, receives EC death forms, a list of documentary requirements in filing EC death claim and a bag of groceries from ECC QRT members, **Dr. Sarah Antonia I. Concepcion** and **Jocelyn Denoga** during a QRT visit at the Adjutant's Office, Philippine Marines on November 7, 2013. Also in the picture is **Staff Sgt. Jorge Bassig** of the Adjutant's Office, Philippine Marines.

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Christopher Oliquino (in crutches) describes how he lost his right leg to an accident while working in Teresa Marble Corporation as a Wiresaw Operator to ECC Executive Director Stella Z. Banawis (extreme left), Dr. Melba Y. Sacro (2nd from right), Chief, ECC Work Contingency Prevention and Rehabilitation Division, and Anne Misa (2nd from left). Christopher is a recipient of a leg prosthesis under the ECC Kagabay Program's physical restoration and therapy. Also in the picture is Cryz Santiago (extreme right), company nurse of Teresa Marble Corporation.




Oscar Sevilla, (inset, left) and Joel Dublin (inset, right), technical staff of Department of Science and Technology (DOST) share their knowledge with members of ODW Credit Cooperative during the Awareness Seminar on Packaging and Labeling held at the ECC Multipurpose Hall on November 14, 2013.

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*ECC Executive Director Stella Z. Banawis (in orange blazer), Ahmma Charisma Lobrin-Satumba (extreme left), OIC Director, Bureau of Workers With Special Concerns (BWSC) and other participants from various PWD concerned groups listen while Reynaldo Merida, General Manager National Federation of Cooperatives of Persons with Disability (NFCPWD) (at the head of the table) raises a point during the meeting on IRR of R.A. 10524 held at the ECC Conference Room 4B on October 14, 2013.*

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