



*Jennifer C. Reyes, consultant of STAMP Business Management Consulting Services, gives an advice to Angeles Banay, an ODW (Occupationally Disabled Worker) and a former motorized messenger who was injured in a traffic accident while on duty, during the Financial Literacy session of SYOBE (Start Your Own Business Entrepreneurship) seminar under the ECC's KaGabay Program held at the ECC Multipurpose Hall on November 21, 2014.*

## Hurt seaman gets benefits from the EC Program

Seaman Eugenio Dacara sustained an injury while on board a vessel in October 2012. It was a stormy night and the sea was rough when he slipped on the stairs while he was descending from the engine room. Dacara's right knee was deeply damaged that its ligament was partially torn. He was not able to go back to work after the incident.

Dacara received a letter from the Employees' Compensation Commission informing him of his benefits from the Katulong at Gabay sa Manggagawang may Kapansanan Program.

The Employees' Compensation Program granted Dacara P36, 800 equivalent to eight months of permanent partial disability benefits, eight free physical therapy sessions, start-your-own-business-enterprise seminar and free water refilling training program including transportation and food allowance.

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## ECC finds new champion for its KaGabay Program

Ormoc City – The Employees' Compensation Commission has formally forged partnerships with the OSPA Farmer's Medical Center for the strengthening of the Katulong at Gabay Sa Manggagawang may Kapansanan Program in Region 8.

Starting November this year, free rehabilitation services can be availed by persons with work-related disabilities with approved claims under the Employees' Compensation Program at the OSPA Farmer's Medical Center located at Ormoc City, Leyte.

With the goal of serving and protecting the Filipino working men from work-related injuries, illnesses and death, the ECC is aggressively pushing its three core programs, namely prevention, compensation and rehabilitation.

The KaGabay Program, which is a rehabilitation services, provides physical restoration through the provision of free physical and occupational therapy sessions to persons with

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*Diane Lilibeth Bautista shares her experience with a stressor and how she has managed to overcome it during the Stress Management Seminar held at the ECC Multipurpose Hall on November 24, 2014.*

## Fisherman turns entrepreneur with ECC KaGabay

Fisherman Mauricio Cuerpo lost his right hand last year when his hand was strapped by the rope of the speed boat while preparing to sail in South Pacific Ocean.

Upon the advice of his friend, he filed an Employees' Compensation claim and received 22 months of permanent partial disability pension amounting to P63,822.64.

Aside from his PPD benefits, he was also granted 16 sessions of free physical therapy and 5 sessions of occupational therapy. A start-your-own-business-enterprise seminar and soap making training were also provided to him for free by the Employees' Compensation Commission under the Katulong at Gabay sa Manggagawang may Kapanangan (KaGabay) Program.

Cuerpo is very grateful that ECC is always there to lend a helping hand to persons with work-related disabilities like him.

"If not for ECC, I may still be lost right now. ECC guides me on how to move on with my life and to make it better," Cuerpo added.

Cuerpo used the pension he received from ECC to put up a *sari-sari* store where he currently earns P8,000 a month. He is planning to start a small soap making business after his SYOBE seminar.



*Honesto Celestial, a former machine operator who injured his hand while on duty proudly displays his dishwashing product, and (inset) consults Jennifer C. Reyes of STAMP Business Management Consulting Services, during the Business and Social Environment session of SYOBE (Start Your Own Business Entrepreneurship) seminar under the ECC's KaGabay Program held at the ECC Multipurpose Hall on November 27, 2014.*

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"Malaking tulong ang ECC sa buhay ko. Nakapagpagamot ako at nakapag training ako ng libre," Dacara stated.

Presently, Dacara has a mineral water station and three units of taxi.

ECC Executive Director Stella Zipagan-Banawis expressed that the Ka-Gabay Program of ECC is designed to help persons with work-related sickness or injury to provide better quality of lives to their families despite their disabling incidents.

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work-related disabilities (PWRDs).

Under the said program, the PWRDs may also undergo skills training for re-employment and entrepreneurship depending on their capacities in the hope of helping them regain their confidence so that they will be active members of the country's workforce once again.

"With its intensified information drive and continued partnerships with several institutions, the ECC is now becoming a stronghold in harnessing a culture of safety and security in the country," Executive Director Stella Zipagan-Banawis explained.

Banawis added that through stringent convergence programs with the Department of Labor and Employment and its attached agencies and with other government and private institutions, PWRDs gain easier access to the programs implemented by the Commission.



*ECC Executive Director Stella Z. Banawis (seated at the center), with the stress-free ECC employees do a wacky pose during the Stress Management Seminar held at the ECC Multipurpose Hall on November 24, 2014. Seated beside on her right is the facilitator of the seminar, Dr. Pearl Lei B. Reyes.*

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