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ECC nakiisa sa pagdiriwang ng pandaigdigang Araw ng Kababaihan

Nakiisa ang ahensya ng Employees' Compensation Commission (ECC) sa pagdiriwang ng Araw ng Kababaihan nitong Marso 8, 2024. Bilang paggunita sa nasabing selebrasyon, ang ECC ay naglunsad ng mga programa na magbibigay pahalaga sa papel ng mga kababaihan sa ating lipunan.

Sa programang "She said, he said" na inorganisa ng ECC, natalakay ang mga tungkulin at karapatan ng mga kababaihan sa makabagong pamilyang Filipino. Ilan sa mga empleyado ng ECC ay nagbahagi ng kanilang karanasan patungkol sa pantay na pagkilala sa mga gawain ng mga babae sa loob at labas ng tahanan.

Lingid sa kaalaman ng iba, sa modernong pamilyang Filipino ay sinasanay ang paghahati sa gawaing bahay nang ilaw at haligi ng tahanan. Kung dati ay nasa bahay at gawaing bahay lamang ang ginagawa

ECC lifts suspension of 3-year prescriptive period for filing EC claims

The Employees' Compensation Commission (ECC) has lifted the suspension of the 3-year prescriptive period of filing for Employees' Compensation (EC) claims with the Social Security System (SSS) and Government Service Insurance System (GSIS)—ECC's administering agencies in the private and public sectors, respectively.

Pursuant to ECC Board Resolution 24-01-02, the lifting of the suspension of the 3-year prescriptive period took effect on January 18, 2024.

Because of the above-mentioned resolution, the 3-year prescriptive period for all EC claims applications is now reinstated. This means that the running of the period for the filing of claims for compensation due to work-related contingencies such as sickness, injury, or death, has resumed.

Under Presidential Decree No. 626, as amended, the law that created the ECC, claimants are given three (3) years from the time the cause of action accrued to file their applications for EC claims with the SSS and GSIS.

The law further explains that in case of sickness, the counting of three (3) years shall start from the

last date of confinement, whether singular or multiple confinements. In case of accident and death, counting starts from the date of the accident or death.

While the law provides for a period within which applications for EC claims shall be filed, the "deemed filed" rule becomes applicable when a claimant has filed for a sickness/disability or death benefit under the SSS Law and GSIS Law. In this case, the prescriptive period for the filing of claims for sickness, disability or death benefits is deemed tolled.

During the pandemic, it may be recalled that the ECC interrupted the prescriptive period pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 922, which declared a state of public health emergency throughout the country. And, on July 21, 2023, pursuant to Proclamation No. 297, President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. has formally lifted the said State of Public Health Emergency due to COVID19.

ECC is an attached agency of the Department of Labor and Employment that provides benefits to workers in the event of workrelated sickness or injury which resulted in disability or death.

ng mga kababaihan, ngayon ay nabibigyan na rin sila ng pagkakataon na makahanap ng trabaho para makatulong sa gastusin at sabay na maitaguyod ang kanilang pamilya.

Sa kabilang banda, upang masuportahan ang adbokasiya ng Philippine Commission on Women (PCW), ang ECC ay naatasang maglathala at magpamahagi ng mga brochures o flyers

SERBISYO PARA KAY K: ECP ORIENTATION SA ARAW NG MGA KASAMBAHAY 2024





CITY The **TUGUEGARAO** Employees' Compensation Commission Regional Extension Unit 2 (ECC REU 2) participated in the Araw ng mga Kasambahay celebration held on January 20, 2024 at Robinsons Place Tuguegarao. The event spearheaded by the Department and **Employment** Labor (DOLE) Region 2, featured a comprehensive service caravan aimed at providing valuable information and assistance to domestic workers in collaboration with key government agencies.

Among the government agencies that joined forces for this initiative were the Social Security System (SSS), Paa-IBIG Fund, Philippine **HealthInsuranceCorporation** (PhilHealth), National Conciliation and Mediation (NCMB), Board National Labor Relations Commission (NLRC), Regional Tripartite and Productivity Waaes Board (RTWPB), and the Occupational Safety and Health Center (OSHC).

ECC REU 2 actively engaged with the kasambahay community through an informative orientation regarding the Employees' Compensation Program (ECP). By means of the said

informative session and interactive discussion, the ECC aimed to empower the kasambahay with knowledge about their rights and privileges under the ECP.

The ECC remains steadfast in its mission to promote the welfare of workers and contribute to the overall improvement of the labor sector. The commission looks forward to continued collaborations with various government agencies to create a more inclusive and informed workforce.

For more information about the Employees' Compensation Commission, please visit ecc.gov.ph.

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patungkol sa mga karapatan, batas, programa, benepisyo at serbisyo ng gobyerno para sa mga kababaihan. Tinitiyak ng ECC ang patuloy at walang sawang pagsuporta sa adhikain ng PCW.

Sinisiguro din ng ECC na palaging pantay at patas ang trato at tiwalang binibigay nito sa mga kababaihan. Tinitiyak nito na nakikilala ang kanilang mga kakayahan at talino sa trabaho at sa iba't-ibang larangan na nais nilang pasukin.

ECC affirms inclusion of LGUs under ECP in Iloilo and Guimaras

Compensation Employees' Commission (ECC) recently the Employees' presented Compensation Program (ECP) to the Public Information Officers (PIOs) from various Local Government Units (LGUs) in Iloilo and Guimaras Provinces during the semestral meeting of the Iloilo-Guimaras Information Officers Association, a group supervised by the Philippine Information Agency-Region 6.

The session provided an opportunity to shed light on the ECC's mandate and programs, while also emphasizing the vital connection between LGUs and the Commission. One of the key points delivered was the assurance that local government employees, who are members of the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), are unequivocally covered as well by the EC Program. The event provided a platform for open dialogue between ECC representatives and PIOs from various LGUs which emphasized the paramount importance of LGUs' collaboration with the ECC in ensuring that government employees, regardless of their status, receive the benefits they deserve in cases of workrelated accidents, illness, or death. The interactive session allowed PIOs to gain a deeper understanding of the ECC's services and how they can facilitate the claims process for employees within their respective LGUs.

ECC Executive Director Kaima Via B. Velasquez said, extending our partnership, with the help of the Philippine Information Agency headed by Regional Director Cheryl B. Amor, to strengthen the bond between LGUs and the ECC. Our programs are designed to protect and support all government employees, including those working at the local level. Thru our Public Information Officers in every municipality in lloilo and Guimaras, we want to reassure every public servant that they are indeed covered by the EC Program."

Dyanitor na naaksidente habang papasok sa trabaho, nakakuha ng mahigit P354K na benepisyo sa ECC



Nakatanggap mula sa Employees' Compensation Commission (ECC) si Geronimo Remigio ng EC Permanent Partial Disability (EC-PPD) benefit na nagkakahalagang P354,759.82, sanhi ng kanyang pagkabalda na kanyang natamo dahil sa kanyang pagka-aksidente habang papasok nang trabaho.

Si Remigio ay isang dyanitor sa Laging Qlean Janitorial Services, Inc. Noong Hulyo 2019 habang si Remigio ay papasok sa trabaho gamit ang kanyang motorsiklo, siya ay nabundol ng bus. Dahil sa aksidenteng ito, naputol ang kanyang kanang binti.

Habang nagpapagaling ay nagfile si Remigio ng EC claim sa Social Security System (SSS). Kalaunan ay ginawaran siya ng EC Permanent Partial Disability (PPD) benefit. Bukod dito ay nakatanggap din siya mula sa ECC's Katulong at Gabay sa Manggagawang may Kapansanan (KaGabay) Program, ng EC cash assistance sa halagang P10,000.00.

Noong 2022, sumailalim naman si Remigio sa konsultasyon, libreng physical at occupational therapy sessions sa Univesity of the East Ramon Magsaysay (UERM) Memorial Medical Center. Matapos nito, pinagkalooban ng ECC si Remigio ng libreng prosthesis na nagkakahalagang P45.500.00.

Nakasama din siya sa isang virtual EC livelihood seminar na inorganisa ng ECC sa pakikipagtulungan ng Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA). Pagkatapos makumpleto ang nasabing seminar at magsumite ng business plan ay pinagkalooban siya ng EC livelihood starter kit sa halagang P20,000.00 bilang

panimula sa kanyang negosyo na sari-sari store.

"Layunin ng ECC ang patuloy na magbigay ng benepisyo at makatulong na makabangon muli ang mga manggagawang nagkasakit o naaksidente nang dahil sa trabaho. May iba'tprograma at serbisyo ang ECC na makakatugon sa mga pangangailangan ng mga Persons with Work-Related Disabilities (PWRDs)," pahayag ni ECC-Executive Director Kaima Via B. Velasquez.

Ayon kay Remigio, "Laking pasasalamat ko po talaga sa mga naitulong ng ECC. Dahil sa tanggapan na ito ay nagkaroon ako ng lakas ng loob na magsimula muli sa buhay. Ipinapangako ko na palalaguin ang negosyong natanggap ko mula sa ECC."

ECC's advocacy seminars and townhall meetings, a resounding success



Earlier this year, the Employees' Compensation Commission (ECC) reintroduced its free regional Employees' Compensation (ECP) advocacy Program seminar with a new format. This initiative specifically focuses on engaging graduating students, representatives and officials from various Technical and Vocational Institutions and Barangays nationwide. The primary goal is

to enhance awareness of ECP among barangay officials, who serve as community leaders, ensuring that crucial information about government benefits and services remains easily accessible. Concurrently, the seminar aims to equip TVI students with the necessary knowledge for a smooth transition into the workforce and to provide essential retraining for

TVI personnel on the foundational aspects of the EC Program.

The ECC has successfully organized eight advocacy seminars across various provinces, namely Pampanga, lloilo, Misamis Oriental & lligan City, Pangasinan, Tawi – tawi, Palawan and Bohol.

The seminar, spanning two to three days per region, brought together nearly 2,000 participants representing over 800 companies, organizations and barangays nationwide. This program is in addition to the regular in-house and on-site seminars and webinars conducted by the ECC central office and its regional extension units.

ECC Executive Director Atty. Kaima Via Velasquez emphasized the significance of conducting advocacy seminars at the

ECC pushes boundaries for a more responsive, inclusive, and effective **Employees' Compensation Program**



The Employees' Compensation Commission (ECC) stepped up its efforts to put workers' rights and interests at the center of its advocacy, programs and services.

The ECC was steadfast in its dedication to working with partners to discover workable solutions that would propel the EC Program onto a stable upward trajectory, mitigating vulnerabilities and bolstering beneficiaries' resilience.

The Commission immediately came out with several policies tailored to the present and evolving needs of the workers. When it comes to EC benefit claims and payments, a total of 182, 555 EC benefit claims were approved and released to claimants in the amount of 1.48 billion pesos.

Of the said claims granted to work-

ers, 29,285 were due to sickness; 15,854 due to disability; 130,521 under death and pension claims; 542 for funeral benefits; 6,102 for medical services including medical reimbursements; and 153 for rehabilitation services.

In addition, ECC launched the Return-to-Work Assistance Program (RTWAP) on February 28, 2023. This program is a more comprehensive KaGabay Program that lessen the negative effects of injuries or impairments on workers by providing them chances to return to safe and productive work activities as soon as medically practicable or when maximal medical recovery is achieved. Since this program was started, 74 PWRDs were continued/returned to the economic mainstream to be productive and active citizens.

Also noteworthy, ECC re-ignited the Employees' Compensation Program (ECP) advocacy seminars, which were organized in different regions in order to launch a stronger and more vigorous information dissemination campaign.

ECC continues to boost its online presence by creating and uploading timely and informative contents and materials on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube. Implementation of traditional and blended marketing campaigns and explored different platforms

to amplify the public's awareness on the ECP.

ECC embarked on two marketing campaigns. One is the traditional, or "classic" out-of-home advertisement through our store dress-up, where businesses of PWRDs were amply provided with signages by the ECC. Second is through podcast. The ECC Podcast were able to expound on topics like the EC Program, compensable diseases, and injuries, ECP benefits and services, how to file an EC claim and EC claims processing and requirements

Looking forward, the ECC will continue to provide utmost service to Filipino workers. The Commission will persistently be enhancing its existing programs and developing new ones that will bring an immediate, direct, and significant impact on the lives of PWRDs.

Moreover, ECC is delving deeply into identifying new strategies for making the most of its resources and developing fresh initiatives that may open up many opportunities for delivering results. With the support of its committed employees, it boosted its aspirations to meet the present and prepare for the future. It will keep bolstering accountability and coordination in these challenging times because the ECC's work is more important than ever.

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grassroots level, considering it a crucial initiative for ensuring that every Filipino is well-informed about government programs and services.

Expressing satisfaction with the opportunity to serve current and prospective ECC members, Velasquez stated, "We are delighted to extend our assistance to all our members and those who will soon become part of the ECC. We trust that these efforts by our office will foster a greater

understanding of the significance of the ECP as a key component of our government's social security programs."

The participants, particularly the TVI students and barangay officials, conveyed their sincere appreciation to the ECC management for including them in the seminars, acknowledging that many of them were previously unfamiliar with the program.

The ECC guarantees the public that

it will continue in carrying out more advocacy campaigns, alongside endeavors to enhance its digital presence on various social media platforms to further broaden the reach of the program, ensuring that more workers are informed about ECP.

To stay updated on the list and schedules of ECP advocacy seminars and townhall meetings in 2024, just follow ECC's official Facebook page and join the Viber community.