



BWSC salutes women

Manila — As a recognized agency of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) that champions the development and protection of women workers, the Bureau of Workers with Special Concerns (BWSC) led the start of the National Women’s Month Celebration as it hosted the flag raising ceremony on March 5 ,2018.

With the theme ‘We Make Change Work for Women’, the BWSC prepared presentations and activities in honor of women from the past and present times. Director Ma. Karina Perida-Trayvilla together with selected personnel of the BWSC danced to the tune of ‘Salute’ by Little Mix as a way to recognize all women in the Department whose passion for public service remain steady.

Afterwards, Mr. Roberto Rodelas, who acted as emcee during the event, facilitated the Quiz Bee entitled, ‘Name that Filipina’. Said game was conducted to remember some Filipino women who have great contributions in the areas of sports, entertainment, academe, law, and gender mainstreaming in the Philippines. It was followed by a trivia challenge on DOLE personnel who have significant contributions to the gender mainstreaming efforts of the Department. The lucky winners were given USB flash drive and shirts printed with designs promoting women empowerment.

BWSC also presented its accomplishment in 2017 through an Audio Visual Presentation. Shown were the number of women beneficiaries covered by its major programs and the testimonies of some women beneficiaries whose lives were significantly improved thru the DOLE Integrated Livelihood and Emergency Employment Program, the flagship program of the Bureau.

“Talagang nagpapasalamat ako na nakarating ang DOLE dito sa amin. Binigyan n’yo ang mga kapatid natin ng chance na maging empowered. When we speak of empowerment, nakita ko itong mga beneficiaries natin na ngayon (ay naging) partner na natin. They are happy to serve people dahil sa inyo DOLE”, said Fe Jaquilmac, a DILP beneficiary from Cagayan de Oro City.

As the journey to bridge the gender gaps in the Philippines progresses, the BWSC and other DOLE agencies will strive to continue upholding the rights of women and ensure their decent and productive employment for the years to come. Hence, making change work for women.

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