

Family day celeb, the DOLE RCC-7 way

Cebu, Philippines. Blue. Red. Pink. Orange. White. These were what filled the Cebu City Hall's Social Hall on Friday as the very own employees of the Department of Labor and Employment and that of its attached agencies culminated the Civil Service Month as one big family.

Jam-packed with fun, laughter, singing, dancing, games and prizes, the activity that



brought the DOLE Regional Coordinating Committee (DOLE RCC-7) member-agencies together, demonstrated oneness as put by DOLE-7 Regional Director, Atty. Johnson G. Cañete in his message.

“We felt in our hearts that it’s also time for the DOLE and its attached agencies to commemorate the birth of the Philippine Civil Service System in the country not just by purely hanging CSC banners in each respective offices but by actually giving tribute to our own employees as civil servants who dedicate their lives for public service. And what better way to do it than hold our own version of the celebration through a Family Day,” he said.



Cheers, yells and chants kept the parade alive, which started at the *Plaza Independencia* down to the Social Hall of the Cebu City Hall's Legislative Building as the venue.

Four (4) teams – blue, red, pink, and orange – competed in the friendly and fun-filled games and contests.

“That was fun. It was the first time for us to hold such a kind of celebration. We were never bored and it felt so good to laugh, sing, and dance together,” said one Red Team member, who felt very proud of her team after being declared as the overall champion.

The composition of the team members was nice since the members came from different age brackets, positions, and agencies, added one member from the Blue Team.

Keeping the crowd alive and roaring was the much awaited Mr. and Ms. DOLE



RCC-7 2018 contest were each team representatives answered thought-provoking questions that sent all those in attendance also thinking and analyzing.

The teams that emerged victorious in the events and contests initiated were the following namely:

- Tallest Tower – Red Team
- Group Yell and Chant – Red Team
- Mr. and Ms. DOLE RCC-7 2018 – Red Team
- DOLE RCC-7 Singing IDOL 2018- Blue Team
- Baby Walk – Blue and Orange Teams
- Overall Champion – Red Team



Director Cañete credited the success of the activity not only to the working committees planning and doing things together but more importantly to the cooperation and active involvement of the DOLE's attached agencies - POEA, OWWA, NRCO, NLRC-7TH Division, RTWPB, NCMB, OSHC, ECC, PRC, and NLRC-RAB.

He likewise lauded and thanked Cebu City Vice Mayor, Atty. Edgardo C. Labella, who did not have any second thoughts in allowing the DOLE RCC-7 to hold its Civil Service Month Culminating Activity and Family Day at their social hall for free.

The DOLE-7 Head also thanked Mayor Tomas R. Osmeña for granting the DOLE



RCC with the parade route and permit free of charge as well as Mr. Dexter F. Paro of the NRCO-7, who donated medals.

Cañete underscored the importance of the holding of the celebration together and said that “We believe that we did not only boost the morale of our very own civil servants but also sustained camaraderie among ourselves. It’s very important that everyone in the DOLE RCC would know that we are not only colleagues. We are not only friends. We are a family,” he added.

POEA Head, Ms. Evelia Durato commented that it was the only activity which made her sing in front of the DOLE-RCC. “It was unnerving at the beginning but absolutely fun!” she finally said.

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