

MESSAGE

Secretary Silvestre H. Bello III

EDSA Revolution TNK Jobs and Business Fair

Star Mall EDSA-Shaw, Mandaluyong City

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DTI Secretary Ramon M. Lopez, TESDA Secretary General Isidro S. Lapena, Mandaluyong City Mayor Menchie Abalos, partners, jobseekers, ladies and gentlemen, Good Morning.

Today is an important event for us as we commemorate the EDSA Revolution.

DOLE, DTI and TESDA have come together once again to provide another Trabaho, Negosyo at Kabuhayan (TNK) Jobs and Business Opportunities Fair.

Thousands of vacancies in over 50 companies, including local and overseas employment, await our jobseekers. I encourage applicants, especially workers who have returned from overseas employment and those who just graduated, to take advantage of the employment opportunities being offered today.

Aside from employment, we also offer livelihood, business and skills training.

This undertaking is pursuant to the desire of President Duterte to provide greater opportunities for higher income, more jobs and the promotion of entrepreneurship.

With more jobs being our priority, we intend to fulfill our commitment for decent work and economic growth.

Also through the TNKs, we hope to be able to promote the growth of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and reduce youth unemployment.

(Welcome the Delegation from Ethiopia)

Before I end, and with the indulgence of Secretary Mon and Secretary Sid, allow me to welcome the delegation from Ethiopia headed by Attorney General Berhanu Tsegaye.

With him are several officials from the Ethiopian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs. They are in the country for a study tour and learn our Best Practices on Labor Management of Migrant Domestic Workers.

After five years of imposing a ban on sending Ethiopian domestic workers overseas, the Ethiopian government lifted it with the adoption of a new law to guard against illegal recruitment, abuse and atrocious conditions of their workers.

It is an honor to welcome you. It is also a privilege to share our best practices in labor migration.

You may also want to include in your study and observation tour our employment facilitation program we are having today. The Bureau of Local Employment will be very happy to assist you in that regard.

Ladies and Gentlemen, how about a round of applause to welcome our friends from Ethiopia?

Maraming Salamat at Mabuhay po tayong lahat!