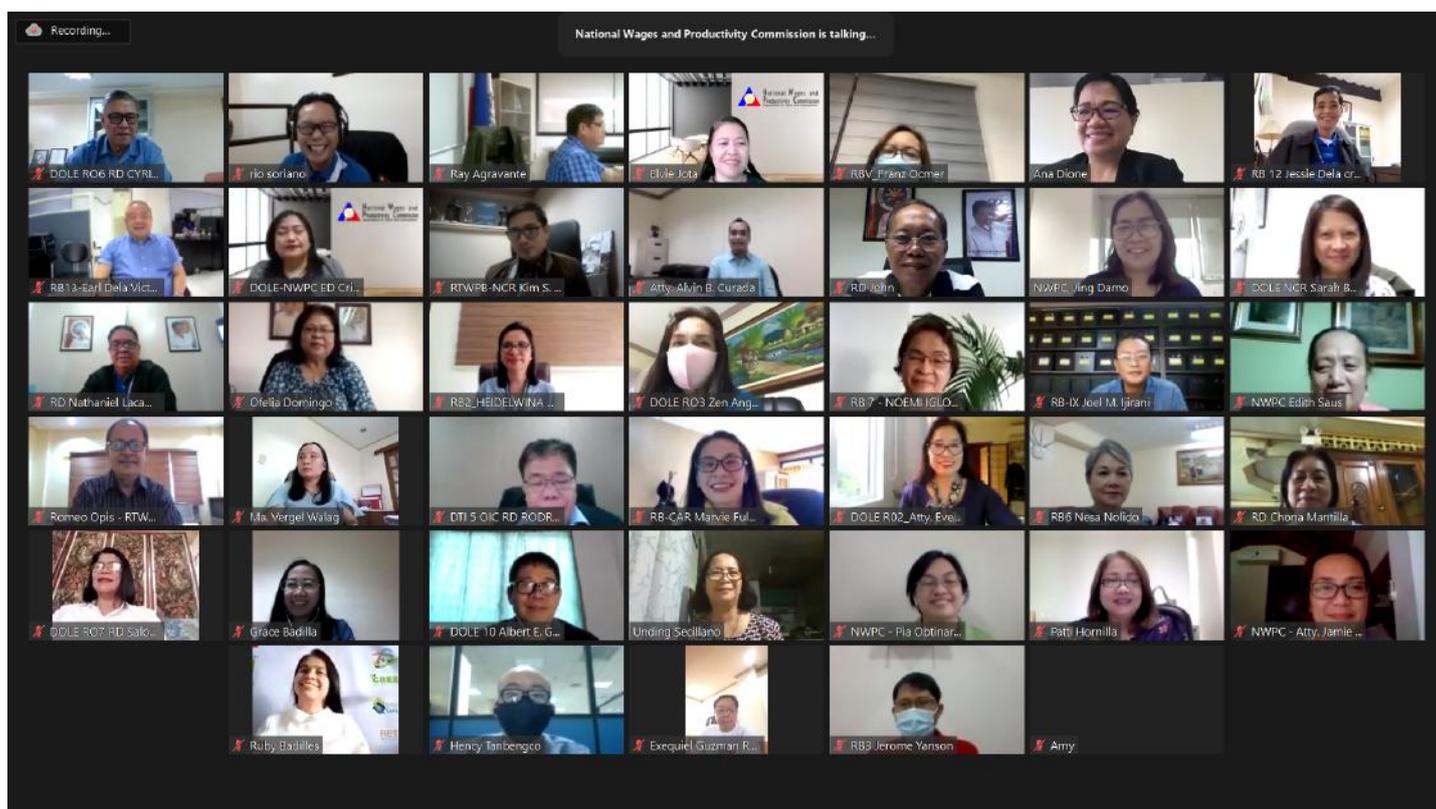


## 2021 NWPC-RTWPB Planning Exercise



**T**he NWPC and RTWPBs concluded its corporate planning exercise via Zoom on February 9-11, 2021.

In her opening message, Undersecretary Dione challenged NWPC on how it would contribute to DOLE's National Economic Recovery Strategy (NERS). She emphasized the purpose of the planning exercise which was to discuss innovative ways to make wage and productivity programs relevant to the recovery initiatives of MSMEs.

Providing valuable inputs to the environmental scanning of the Commission and the Boards were NEDA's Undersecretary Rosemarie G. Edillon who talked about the country's 2021 macroeconomic outlook, BSP's Senior Director Zeno Ronald R. Abenoja who spoke about price and inflation

expectation for 2021, DTI's Ms. Perpetua Werlina R. Lim who presented the 2021 supply, price outlook for basic necessities and prime commodities and DA's Mr. Ardibel Villanueva who provided updates on the supply and price of prime agricultural and fishery commodities.

On the second day, Deputy Executive Director Jeanette T. Damo presented DOLE's policy directions and NWPC thrusts on wages and productivity as well as the DOLE's NERS 2021-2023. She underscored the NWPC's role in the program's strategic framework specifically on: 1) Business Continuity Planning and Management (*under Pillar 2: Supporting Enterprises, Jobs and Income*) and 2) Conduct of webinars/learning sessions (*under Pillar 4: Trusting Social Dialogue to Encourage Innovative Solutions*).



## NCR Board reviews economic conditions

**R**TWPB NCR continued its review of the region's socio-economic condition, taking into consideration the impact of the prolonged quarantine and health protocols, state of business activities including closures and retrenchments, regional employment, and supply and price of basic commodities, among others.

As one of the Board's resource persons, Dr. Janice S. Garcia, Veterinarian III of the Bureau of Animal Industry of the Department of Agriculture

and a member of the National African Swine Fever Task Force, provided updates on the ASF situation in the country and its impact on the supply of agricultural products, particularly of pork and processed meat.

Among the DA's major interventions to address the issue is the formation of "Bantay ASF sa Barangay," which is primarily rolled-out by the DILG and LGUs to prevent/control the spread of the virus.

## RTWPB VII conducts first face-to-face training

**A**fter more than a year of conducting online training/webinars, RTWPB VII conducted its first face-to-face training. Heeding the invitation of Ms. Mechel Lendio, Program Coordinator of DOLE Cebu Provincial Field Office, RTWPB 7 fielded its accountant-designate, Mr. Eryl E. Javier to conduct training on bookkeeping to the members of Nagkahi-usiang Maguuma sa Canasujan, Inc. (NAMACAN, Inc.) at the Canasujan Elementary Gym in Carcar on February 11, 2021.

With basic sanitary and health protocols in place, Mr. Javier conducted the ISTIV Bayanihan training, with emphasis on basic bookkeeping, to the representatives of the 8 member-organizations who attended the training.



## Online Productivity Orientation for Companies in Tarlac City

To prevent and control COVID-19 transmission and to boost economic activity, LGU Tarlac City, in coordination with the DOH-IATF Tarlac Province and DOLE Tarlac Field Office conducted a virtual orientation on Workplace Safety and Health Protocols and Productivity for business enterprises on February 16, 2021.

Ms. Aurita L. Laxamana, Chief Labor and Employment Officer of the DOLE Tarlac Field Office discussed the DOLE-DTI Interim Guidelines on Workplace Prevention and Control of COVID-19 and its Supplemental Guidelines under JMC 20-04-A. Ms. Laxamana said that the orientation was conducted to ensure compliance to safety and health protocols and formulate strategies to strengthen control measures against COVID-19. She also discussed best practices of establishments on the prevention and control of the virus transmission.

Mr. Jerome Yanson, Board Secretary of the Regional Tripartite Wages and Productivity Board

Central Luzon, discussed the current economic situation and the importance of improving enterprise and worker's productivity towards economic recovery. He stressed the importance of ensuring workplace safety and health to boost workers' productivity.

Dr. Jeanette A. Lazatin of the DOH-IATF Tarlac Province gave updates on COVID-19 cases and safety protocols imposed in the province. Mr. Hensell Quiling, Officer-in-Charge of the City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office, urged the participants to comply with the protocols.

In a video message, Mayor Maria Cristina C. Angeles said opening the economy and ensuring the safety of the people are of equal importance and go hand-in-hand in the recovery of Tarlac City. She told the participants to remain healthy and safe while at the workplace along with their clients, by being mindful of the protocols and actively taking part in securing a safe environment for everyone.

## Virtual Orientation on Productivity, EC Benefits in Region X

RTWPB X in coordination with Employees Compensation Commission Regional Extension Unit-X conducted a virtual orientation on the productivity toolbox and EC programs and services on February 5, 2021.

RTWPB-X's Ms. Evelyn Rivera Productivity 101 discussed basic productivity concepts and

measurements and the productivity training programs and technical assistance under the Productivity Toolbox. Meanwhile, Ms. Stella Obice discussed EC benefits.

The orientation was attended by 25 establishments via zoom. The activity was also live streamed on Facebook.

## RTWPB NCR organizes 2 webinars in February

**R**TWPB NCR held two Zoom webinars this February on two of the enhanced modules of the Productivity Toolbox, focusing on adapting to the new normal.

On February 4, the Board held a webinar on the 7S of Good Housekeeping, which is the most basic and fundamental approach to productivity

and quality improvement in all types of workplaces. It was attended by 81 participants and 46 MSMEs. On February 9, the Leaner Management training was conducted to 44 workers/employees from 34 MSMEs, teaching them the concept of lean-to-leaner management, waste, and waste elimination.

## RTWPB IX joins Zambo Valentine's job fair



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**R**TWPB IX joined the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) in the "Dia de Amor Trabaho, Negosyo at Kasanayan Job Fair" held at Barangay Talisayan in Zamboanga Economic Zone and Freeport Authority on February 13, 2021.

During the event, the RTWPB Secretariat distributed the latest Wage Order to the applicants to

inform them of the minimum wage in the Region.

At least 12 local employers, mostly from the fishing, canning, wholesale and retail industries joined the job fair.

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Director Elvira P. Jota and Director Alvin B. Curada, meanwhile, presented the 2021 targets and commitments for technical services and policy and research services, respectively, followed by a

discussion of strategies to achieve said targets. MSS Director Jamie Lyn D. Jamias also discussed the administrative and financial concerns of NWPC and the Boards.