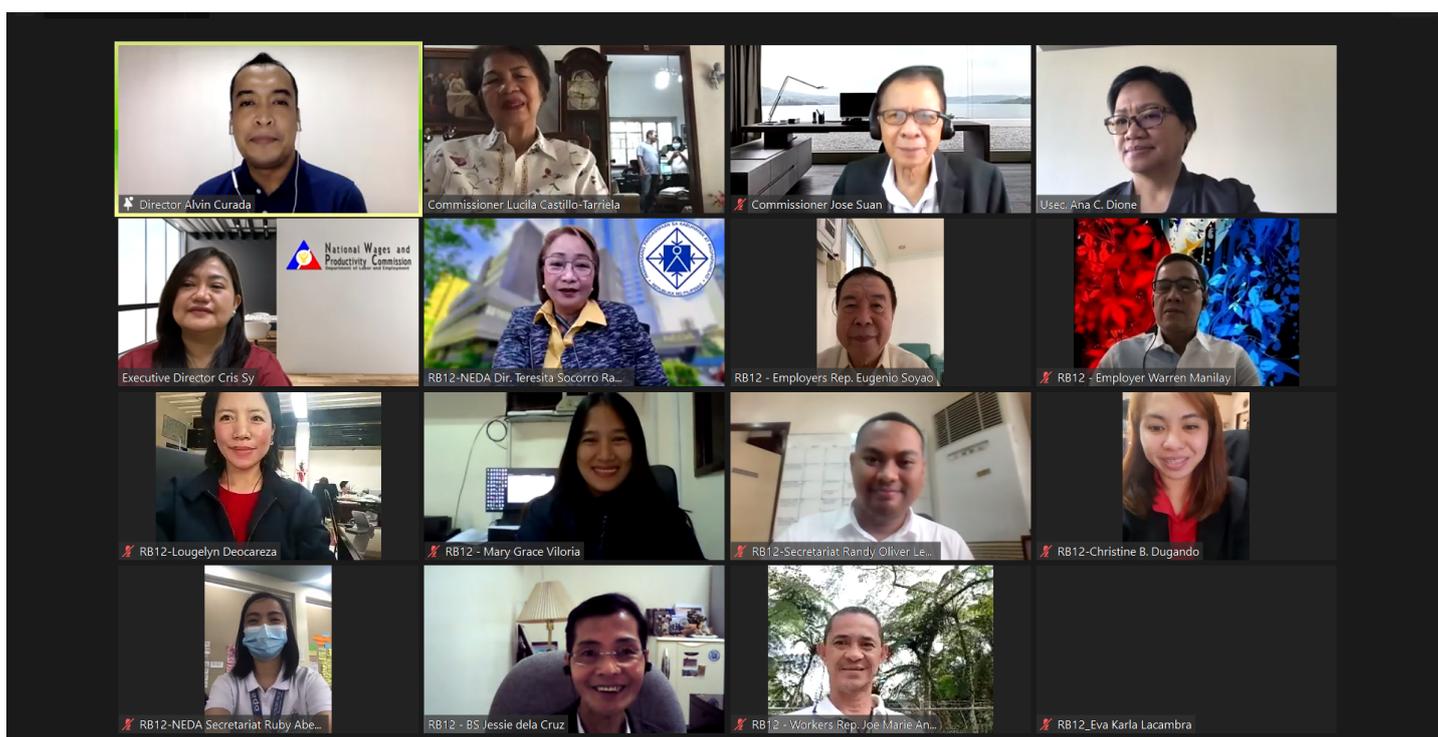


# NWPC holds first Area-Based Briefing on the Omnibus Rules on Minimum Wage Determination



The Commission held the first area-based briefing on the Omnibus Rules on Minimum Wage Determination via Zoom on January 20, 2021 with the Visayas Regional Tripartite Wages and Productivity Boards.

In her opening message, DOLE Undersecretary Ana C. Dione, Chairperson-designate of the Commission underscored the importance of the collaboration of the Commission and the Regional Boards in continuously improving the Omnibus Rules for the effective implementation of the minimum wage policy. Executive Director Maria Criselda R. Sy, meanwhile, explained that the purpose of coming out with the Omnibus Rules is to consolidate existing rules on minimum wage fixing and exemption, 4 guidelines and 5 amendatory

resolutions issued by the Commission for ease of just having one reference document.

Atty. Alvin B. Curada explained the salient amendments to the Rules such as the change in the non-disturbance clause, removal of supervening conditions, reducing process cycle times, dispensing with the issuance of IRRs, and limiting exemptible categories to retail/service establishments employing less than 10 workers and establishments affected by calamities.

This was followed by an open forum moderated by Deputy Executive Director Patricia P. Hornilla with the NWPC Commissioners providing clarity and explaining the wisdom and intent of the amendments.

## RTWPB III trains Nueva Ecija cooperatives in OSH and Productivity

**R**epresentatives from 16 cooperatives in Nueva Ecija were trained in occupational safety and health (OSH) standards and productivity by the DOLE Nueva Ecija Field Office and the Regional Tripartite Wage and Productivity Board-III. The training was held in Sta. Rosa, Nueva Ecija this January 12-14, 2021. The cooperatives are agrarian reform beneficiary organizations (ARBOs), under the care of the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR).

Ms. Estrella de Lara, Nueva Ecija field office's wage and productivity focal person, discussed the updated OSH standards, as well as the responsibilities and rights of employers and workers to maintain health and safety in the workplace. Board Secretary Jerome Yanson discussed the importance and effects of maintaining workers' health and safety to the productivity and profitability of businesses, such as through the adoption of 7S of Good Housekeeping.

Mr. Zoren Amat of DOLE Nueva Ecija together with

## RTWPB 9 introduces Work-Life Balance to Kasambahays

**R**TWPB IX joined the Department of Labor Regional Office IX in the celebration of the "Araw ng mga Kasambahay declared under RA 10361.

This year's theme: "Protecting the Safety and Health of Domestic Workers Amidst the COVID-19 Situation" stresses the role of domestic workers in protecting themselves and their employers especially during health crisis.

Atty. Raphael James Dizon of RTWPB-IX conducted a learning session on Work-Life Balance for Domestic Workers. The Board also provided participants with PPEs and hygiene kits to keep them safe at work during the pandemic. The event was attended by 60 domestic workers.

A talent competition KASAMBEST: Battle of the Best - Year 2 capped the event, with Atty. Dizon as one of the judges.

## RTWPB V conducts first Usapang 2Ps for 2021

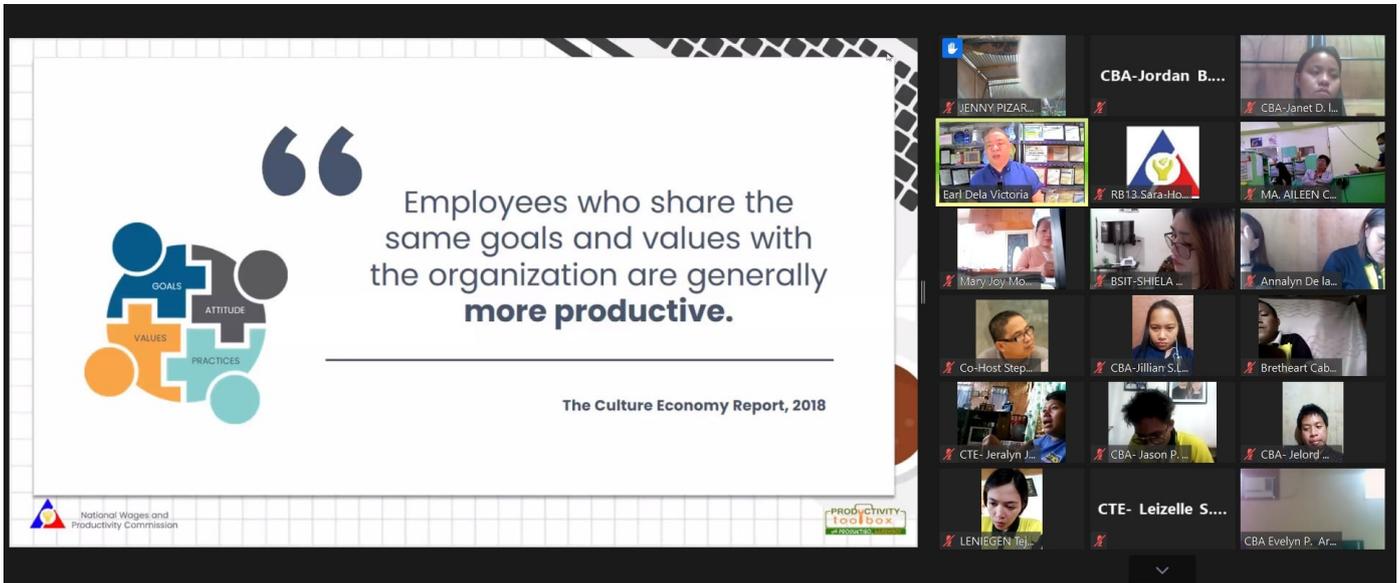
**R**TWPB V conducted its first Usapang 2Ps: Pasahod at Productivity via Zoom for 81 MSMEs in the region.

The participants asked about the implementation of the Wage Order approved on March 4, 2020, how establishments can survive the impact of

pandemic and the available services and assistance being offered by government.

The Board also apprised the participants of its continuing assessment of the region's socio-economic conditions and other wage related data as bases for the Board's decision/action on the minimum wage.

## Caraga Board conducts training on Work Ethics



**R** TWPB Caraga Board Secretary Earl D. Dela Victoria hosted an online lecture on Work Ethics of a Productive Worker on January 12, 2021, attended by 295 employees, staff and graduating

students of Northern Mindanao Colleges (NORMI).

The Board also invited ECC-REU 13 Information Officer, Ms. Sandee Mocoerro to discuss employee benefits and services under the ECC.

## RTWPB VI holds 1st training series for 2021

**R** TWPB VI conducted an online productivity training/orientation series on January 12, 2021.

It started with an orientation on Productivity 101 followed by a training on "Improving Productivity Through Social Media Marketing."

On January 19, the Board again conducted Productivity 101 Orientation followed by a training entitled "Guide to Starting and Growing Your Online Business: Tips for More Productive Online Shops." In a separate activity, the Board conducted a training on "7S of Good Housekeeping: Setting the Pathway to a Safe Workplace in the Better Normal".

The series of trainings is part of RTWPB VI's Productivity Orientation and Training

Calendar which was posted on the Board's Facebook page on January 6, 2021.