

NWPC featured on DOLE V-Café, Oh My Job



Productivity Olympics and minimum wage setting were featured in the DOLE V-Café episode on May 3 and GMA's Oh My Job on May 8, 2021.

Executive Director Maria Criselda R. Sy guested in the DOLE V-Café episode via Facebook live and Zoom with IPS Director Raul Francia as host as NWPC announced the commencement of the 2021 Productivity Olympics with a short AVP.

Meanwhile, Deputy Executive Director Patricia P. Hornilla discussed the implementation of the minimum wage policy, and gave updates on current minimum wages. She also promoted the 2021 Productivity Olympics and invited MSMEs to join the search. The program is hosted by former OWWA Deputy Administrator and celebrity Arnell Ignacio, Ms. Tuesday Niu and DOLE Ambassador Bea Binene.

NWPC organizes session on gender analysis

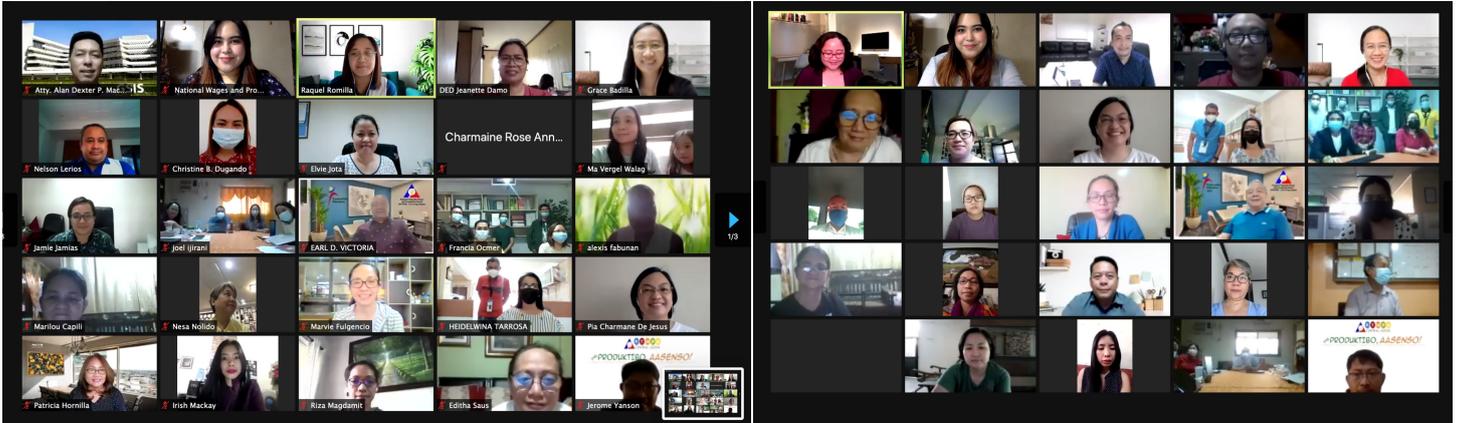
The NWPC organized a "Deepening Session on Gender Analysis" on May 12-14 and 21, 2021. It was attended by the NWPC Directors, RTWPB Board Secretaries, Division Chiefs, and GAD focal persons.

The session aimed to strengthen capacities on gender analysis including identification of gender issues and application of gender analysis principles in the implementation of wages and productivity programs and projects.



Ms. Gichelle A. Cruz, an independent GAD consultant under the PCW's GAD Resource Pool Batch 2 served as speaker for all the sessions. She emphasized that gender analysis is the initial step towards gender mainstreaming. Through gender analysis, Ms. Cruz said the information on gender gaps and social relations will help GAD advocates and champions identify, understand, and address inequalities based on gender.

NWPC attends GPPB's training on procurement



To ensure proper execution of prescribed procurement processes, the NWPC Directors, Board Secretaries, Division Chiefs, and procurement focal persons attended a week-long online training on Republic Act No 9184 (or Government Procurement Reform Act) and its 2016 Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations and Gender Responsive Procurement via Zoom on May 3-7, 2021.

The Government Procurement Policy Board (GPPB) and some of its senior officials and experts served as speakers on the following topics:

- Procurement 101 (Key Features of GPRA & Procurement Organizations) (May 3)
- Efficient Procurement Measures During a State of Calamity or Implementation of Community Quarantine or Similar Restriction (May 3)
- Simplified Posting and Electronic Submission of Procurement Reports (May 3)
- Procurement Planning and Budget Linkage with Overview of Preparation of Cost-Estimates and Specifications Writing (May 4)
- Standardized Bidding Procedures for Goods and Services (May 5)
- Preparation of the 6th Edition Philippine Bidding Documents for Goods and Services (May 5)
- Standard Bidding Procedures for Consulting Services (May 6)
- Alternative Methods of Procurement (May 7)

The Government Procurement Reform Act was created for the purpose of prescribing rules and regulations for the modernization, standardization, and regulation of the procurement activities of the government of the Philippines.

MSMEs trained on Green Productivity

Over 300 MSMEs and business councilors from the different provinces of Cagayan Valley joined the “Green My Enterprise in the New Normal” webinar organized by RTWPB II in partnership with DTI II. The webinar was done in three sessions for enterprises in Isabela on May 11, Cagayan and Batanes on May 12, 2021, and Quirino and Nueva Vizcaya Province on May 14, 2021.

DTI Regional Director Leah Pulido Ocampo and DOLE Regional Director Joel Gonzales welcomed the participants to the three-day webinar series.

They emphasized the importance of caring for the environment and practicing green activities to sustain business growth in the new normal.

The participants were taught approaches of green productivity, the impact of climate change and pandemic on the environment, and simple green productivity practices.

Mr. Francis Joseph M. Reyes and Mr. Junnel Soriano of RTWPB II acted as resource speakers.

RTWPB V assists 2021 PO nominees

RTWPB Bicol conducted an online technical assistance for the first batch of potential nominees for the 2021 Productivity Olympics on May 19, 2021 via Zoom. Establishments were guided in filling out the forms and other documentary requirements.

To date, the first batch of regional entries include Tabaco Santiago Trading, Inc., RVP Construction and Supplies, ROVIPHIL Contractor, Kingson Contractors, Inc., Joross Farm, Aguas Farm, and Bahi Enterprises.

RTWPB CAR joins 1st Quarter RCC Meeting



RTWPB CAR kicked-off the 2021 Productivity Olympics in the region and held an orientation on performance-based incentive scheme (PBIS) on May 21, 2021 at the Hotel Supreme, Baguio City. The activity was attended by 23 participants representing 18 firms.

Atty. Marvie Fulgencio, Board Secretary of RTWPB-CAR, discussed the performance-based incentive scheme with emphasis on managing compensation amidst COVID-19. She then presented the 2021 Productivity Olympics guidelines and criteria. Majority of the firm-participants signified their intention and willingness to join the Olympics.

Ms. Jane P. Suyatan, General Manager of Baguio Benguet Community Credit Cooperative's (BBCCC) shared her company's survival and recovery journey. Meanwhile, Mr. Elmer Macalingay, Owner of Health 100 Restoerant also shared the importance of proper records keeping and documentation in effective business management.

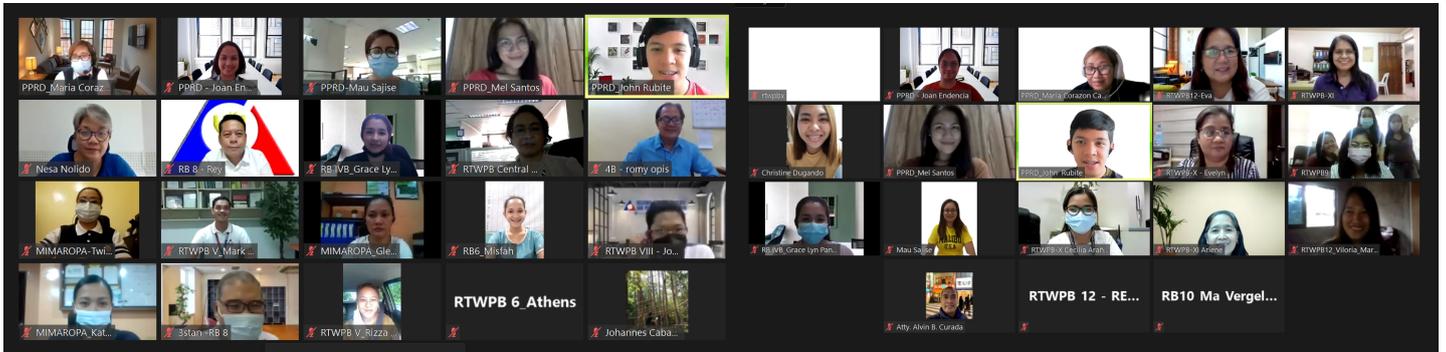
BBCCC and Health 100 Restoerant were declared as 2019 Productivity Olympics regional winners both in the service sector - small category. BBCCC was also declared national champion during the 2019 National Productivity Olympics.

RTWPB MIMAROPA, LGU in Roxas train MSMEs

To help MSMEs recover during the pandemic, RTWPB MIMAROPA held an orientation on Business Continuity Planning and Management (BCPM) in Roxas, Oriental Mindoro in partnership with the Mayor's office and the Public Employment Service Office. A total of 30 participants attended the event.

The BCPM contains seven basic steps that include risk assessment to determine the level of business risk and vulnerability, identification of key products, service/ business impact analysis and the list of actions to ensure business continuity during and after the occurrence of a disaster.

NWPC conducts orientation for PO focal persons



The NWPC's Productivity Policy and Research Division (PPRD) organized an area-based briefing on the 2021 Productivity Olympics (PO) for the regional focal persons on May 3-7, 2021 via Zoom.

The participants were oriented on the objectives, criteria, mechanics, and the prizes for this year's Productivity Olympics.

With the theme "Bounce Back Better", the 2021 Productivity Olympics is also a confidence-building advocacy strategy for MSMEs as they recover in the new normal.

The regional screening will nominate winners to be submitted to the NWPC by end of July 2021.

RTWPB, DOST joint flagship programs on survival, recovery of MSMEs in NCR



RTWPB NCR and DOST NCR sealed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that will provide a needs-based ladderized approach towards improvement and resilience by adopting productivity improvement programs and innovations that will transform MSMEs into viable and competitive enterprises. The event was live-streamed via the respective agencies' Facebook pages.

Simultaneous with the MOA signing held on April 22, 2021 was the launching of the joint project entitled: "Science, Technology & Innovation (STI): Productivity



Improvement Program (PIP) for MSMEs in NCR". The activity aimed to strengthen the goal of RTWPB-NCR and DOST-NCR to provide productivity training programs and technical assistance based on the ability of enterprises to adopt technology and systems improvement.

In her message, DOLE-NCR Regional Director and Board Chairperson Atty. Sarah Buena S. Mirasol underscored the agency's drive to re-focus its programs and services towards jobs preservation and economic recovery.