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DTI-PAB celebrates 9th anniversary



The Department of Trade and Industry-Philippine Accreditation Bureau (DTI-PAB) PAB's 9th anniversary celebration culminated on October 27, 2022, through an "In-person Stakeholders' Gathering," at the City Garden Grand Hotel Makati, attended by select participants and recipients of PAB awards.

The Department of Trade and Industry - Philippine Accreditation Bureau (DTI-PAB) capped its week-long 9th anniversary celebration with the conduct of the "In-person" Stakeholder's Gathering" which recognized the contributions of its partners in upholding the accreditation of conformity assessment services in the country.

The event honored assessors and experts, external resources speakers, assessment evaluation panel, and committee members who invested their time and expertise in assisting PAB to carry out its mandate.

In her recorded welcome message, **DTI Competitiveness and Innovation Group Undersecretary Rafaelita M. Aldaba** congratulated PAB on its achievements, particularly on gaining and maintaining international recognitions to organizations like the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC), International Accreditation Forum (IAF), Asia Pacific Accreditation Cooperation, and the International Halal Accreditation Forum (IHAF).

"We are happy to announce that we have been making breakthroughs in achieving regulatory recognitions that would bolster the harmonization and use of accreditation and accredited conformity assessment services," Usec. Aldaba said.

She likewise highlighted PAB's continuous push for regulatory recognitions and harmonization which paved the way for the agreements with the Department of Health

(DOH), Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Department of Agriculture – Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (DA-BAFS), and Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP), to name a few.

A webinar entitled, “Getting to Know PAB,” kicked off the series of webinars that were slated from October 17-20, 2022. It was aimed at providing the general public with information about the bureau’s mandates and services, and how these services may contribute to the quality and safety of the goods and services they consume.

This was followed by standard-specific free webinars which included awareness on the following: ISO/IEC 17020 (requirements for the operation of various types of bodies performing inspection); ISO/IEC 17025 (testing and calibration laboratories); ISO/IEC 17043:2010 (general requirements for proficiency testing), and; ISO 15189:2012 (medical laboratories — requirements for quality and competence).



Philippine Accreditation Bureau (PAB) Director James E. Empeño addresses the participants during the “In-person Stakeholders’ Gathering” at the City Garden Grand Hotel Makati.

Attended by over 1,300 participants from various private and government sectors, these standard-specific webinars targeted conformity assessment bodies to equip them in implementing appropriate standards in their respective organizations and eventually be more confident in seeking accreditation from DTI-PAB.

In his message, **PAB Director James E. Empeño** recounted how PAB has successfully transformed from being an “Action Team” under the Bureau of Philippine Standards (BPS) to being a full-fledged Bureau.

Held at the City Garden Grand Hotel Makati, the gathering was simultaneously streamed through Zoom and participated in online by current and former employees, council members, assessors and experts, accredited conformity assessment bodies, accreditation evaluation panel members, technical committee members, and regulators.