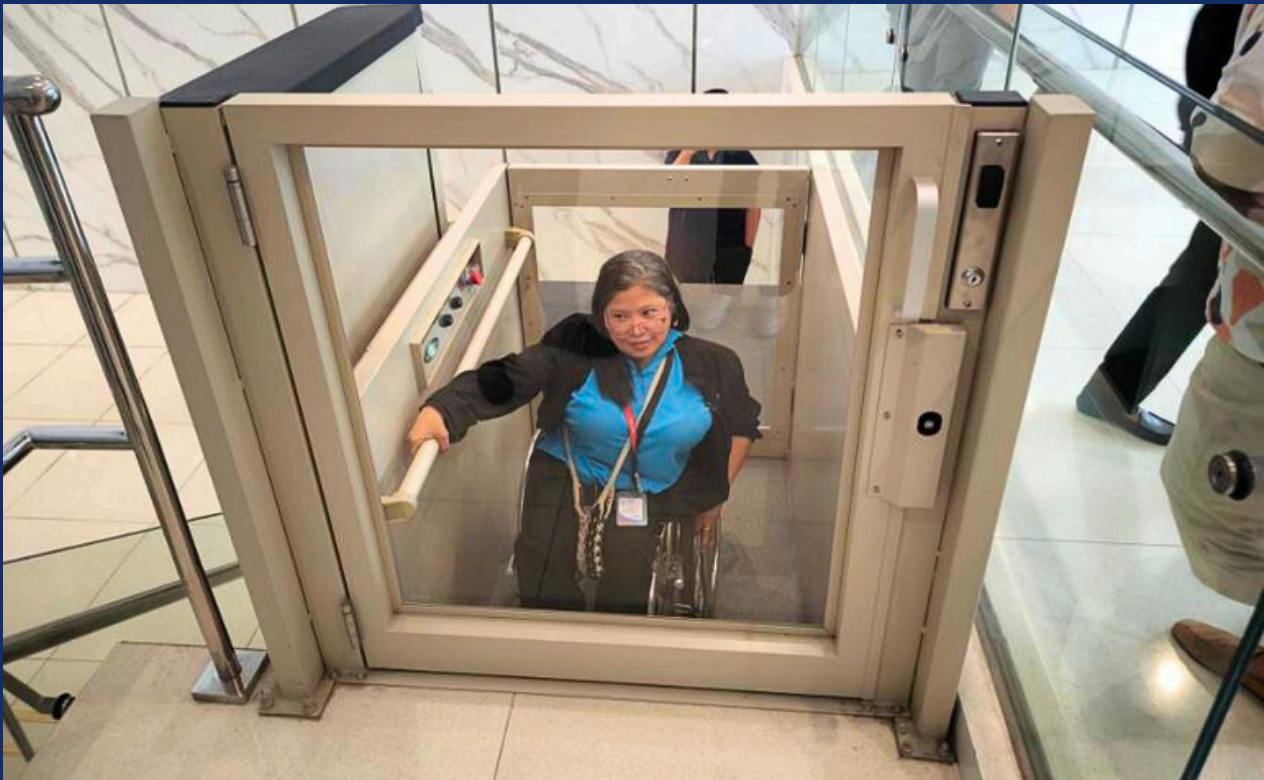


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## DTI Conducts Disability Compliance Audit



*(IN PHOTO) National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA) representative and Planning Officer I Virginia S. Rabino tried and inspected the wheelchair lift at the ground floor of Filinvest Land.*

The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), in collaboration with the National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA), conducted a Disability Compliance Audit and Planning (DCAP) to assess adherence to Section 36 of the General Appropriations Act (GAA) of 2023.

Held on 24 January 2025 at the Filinvest Building, the audit confirmed that the new DTI building complies with Republic Act (RA) No. 7277 (Magna Carta for Persons with Disabilities), RA 9442 (amendments to the Magna Carta for PWDs), and RA 11106 (The Filipino Sign Language Act). Additionally, 1.54% of DTI's workforce consists of differently-abled individuals, aligning with RA 10524, which expands job opportunities for persons with disabilities.

DTI also fulfills the requirements of Executive Order (EO) No. 417, series of 2005, which promotes economic independence for PWDs, as evidenced by the awarding of bids to PWD-owned cooperatives for food catering services.

Notably, NCDA representative and **Planning Officer I Virginia S. Rabino** was the first to use the wheelchair lift at the DTI Filinvest Building.



*In photo: [T-D, L-R] Resource Generation and Management Service (RGMS) Trade-Industry Development Specialist (TIDS) Maribeth F. Panaligan, Human Resource and Administrative Service (HRAS) Chief Administrative Officer Cassandra A. Mata, RGMS SP Dexter M. Bagason, Office of the Assistant Secretary for MSG Executive Assistant III Ma. Jerica Alexisse G. Ramirez, Management Service Group (MSG) Assistant Secretary and Supervising Head Michel Kristian R. Ablan, National Commission on Disability Affairs (NCDA) Project Evaluation Assistant Nanie Umali Apostol, Communications and Information Service (CIS) TIDS Rae Christel A. Maungca, NCDA Planning Officer I Virginia S. Rabino during the courtesy call at Asec. Ablan's office at 10F 387 Filinvest Building, Makati City.*

DTI presented FAQs on implementing RA 10754 and Joint Memorandum Circular (JMC) No. 1 s. 2022, which provides mandatory benefits and privileges for senior citizens and PWDs for purchases via e-commerce platforms and SMS/calls.

Recommendations for future compliance with Batas Pambansa (BP) No. 344, the Accessibility Law, include improved signage, ramps, and grab bars for DTI-rented buildings. Filinvest Land is advised to install accessible features like handlebars at entrances and lowered receiving desks for wheelchair users.

The audit also emphasized the importance of the Speakers Bureau on Disability, coordination with the Provincial Disability Affairs Office (PDAO) for training, and updating the manual for Disability Inclusive Governance (ManDIG).

The 2025 DCAP was led by the Management Services Group (MSG) through the Resource Generation and Management Service (RGMS), with representatives from various DTI offices and the NCDA.