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## DTI marks its 36<sup>th</sup> year of serving the public



*DTI Secretary Ramon M. Lopez welcomes the newly hired employees for the month of June during the flag raising ceremony on 24 July 2017.*

The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) is celebrating its 36<sup>th</sup> anniversary, with **DTI Secretary Ramon M. Lopez** leading the observance this year by opening the week-long festivities during the flag raising ceremony on 24 July 2017.

Secretary Lopez presented the major accomplishments of the Department during his first year as Secretary. These include breakthroughs on micro, small, and medium enterprise (MSME) development, ease of doing business (EODB), exports and investments, consumer protection, and *trabaho, negosyo, at kabuhayan*.

He also expressed his appreciation for the hardwork of the men and women of the Department to achieve its vision of a more inclusive and prosperous Philippines with employment and income opportunities for all.

*“Nagpapasalamat ako sa inyong lahat na talagang nagbibigay ng tapat na serbisyong higit pa sa inaasahan. Napakarami pong magagandang nangyayari. Lahat po ‘yan, kayo ang gumawa, hindi ako. All of these accomplishments will not be possible if you're not behind these,”* he said.

"*Alam kong nandito kayo kasi gusto n'yong magsilbi sa ating mga kababayan. We are given a very good chance, a privilege to serve,*" he added.

Also gracing the ceremony were **Office of the Secretary Chief of Staff and Management Services Group (MSG) Undersecretary Rowel S. Barba, Consumer Protection Group (CPG) Undersecretary Teodoro C. Pascua, Regional Operations Group (ROG) Undersecretary Zenaida Cuison Maglaya,** and **Trade and Investments Promotion Group (TIPG) Undersecretary Nora K. Terrado,** along with other officials and staff of the Department.

Activities for this year's anniversary commemoration include the week-long *Diskwento* Caravan mounted at the DTI Main Building Parking Lot, a thanksgiving mass and *merienda cena* on 27 July.

The Department also has had other activities undertaken this week.

One of these events is the *Trabaho, Negosyo, Kabuhayan* (TNK) DTI-DOLE Regional Directors Joint Assembly wherein Secretary Lopez and **Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Secretary Silvestre H. Bello III** signed a Joint Department Order on the guidelines for issuance, certification, or revocation of certificates of accreditation of garments firms.

Several *Kapatid* Mentor ME sessions were also held. These include its launch in Odiongan, Romblon and in Los Baños, Laguna, as well as the graduation of mentees from the CARAGA region and in the provinces of Kalinga and Antique.

The implementing rules and regulation (IRR) of Republic Act 10817 or the Philippine Halal Export Development and Promotion (PHEDP) Act of 2016 was also signed by the PHEDP Board. This act aims to promote growth and ensure the integrity and quality of Halal exports.

In partnership with the Philippine Retailers' Association (PRA), the DTI awarded the Outstanding Filipino Retailers and Shopping Centers of the Year on 26 July at the Solaire Resort, Parañaque. This recognition is given to local retailers who have succeeded in terms of growth and good ethical processes, among others.

