

DTI rolls out Kapatid Mentor ME program in the provinces



The DTI-XI officials, mentors and mentees at the program launch in Tagum City on March 10.

DTI-XI has launched the Kapatid Mentor ME program in the provinces in a bid to assist more micro enterprises.

Launched on October 7, 2016, the Kapatid Angat Lahat! is a

newly-conceptualized program of DTI with the Philippine Center for Entrepreneurship (PCE). It has three components, namely: Mentor ME, Adopt an SSF and Inclusive Business.

Particularly, the Mentor-Micro Entrepreneur (Mentor ME) aims to assist MSMEs scale up and sustain their enterprises by equipping them with the needed skill sets by way of theoretical/conceptual discussions (lectures) and mentoring/coaching sessions. It is a coaching and mentoring program consisting of 10 modules conducted in 12 weeks, and undertaken in partnership with institutions specializing in functional areas of entrepreneurship.

The provincial launch was conducted last March 9 in Digos City for the Davao del Sur, Davao City and Davao Occidental mentees, and March 10 in Tagum City for Davao del Norte, Davao Oriental and ComVal.

The number of mentees per run is limited to 20. To qualify as a mentee, he/she should be the business owner/manager of a micro enterprise (with capitalization/asset size of P3M and below) and in operation for at least one year.

DTI-XI convenes partners to finalize Initiatives for 2018



DTI-XI convened various Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), Consumer Organizations, local chamber of commerce, media, representatives from the academe, and other partners in the region during the conduct of the DTI-XI CSOs and Stakeholders' Consultation held last Feb. 15

The agency presented its plans and programs and summary of proposed budget for CY 2018.

Likewise, an open forum, which underscored comments, feedback and suggestions from the participants, was undertaken.

DTI-XI Regional Director Maria Belenda Q. Ambi emphasized on the importance of getting the comments and recommendations of their partners.

"Through this, we can have a concrete picture of how our clients would like us to serve them," she said.

Of the concerns raised, MSME development was the major discussion, particularly those on financing, Shared Service Facility (SSF), license to operate, among others.

