

DILG LAUNCHES 'CULTURE OF DISCIPLINE' CAMPAIGN IN MANILA

MANILA -- The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) on Wednesday launched a national campaign aimed at promoting a culture of discipline in Manila.

DILG Undersecretary Jonathan Malaya said the campaign dubbed as "Disiplina Muna" is an offshoot of the successful implementation of the road clearing operations in the country.

The campaign aims to revive and uplift the culture of discipline as a bridge towards real change and put into practice the real concept of governance where citizens participate and know their responsibilities to help achieve national growth.

"We are asking for the support of the public. The government cannot to this alone, we need your support," Malaya said at the launch of the project held at Bulwagang Villegas inside

the Manila City Hall.

Manila Mayor Francisco "Isko Moreno" Domagoso, one of the campaign's ambassadors thanked the DILG for choosing to launch the campaign in the city.

The city was chosen for its active efforts in promoting peace and order.

"I and the city of Manila are thankful for this recognition given to us. The expectation is high but we can meet it. I am appealing to all of you. Let's all work together to ensure order in our city," he said in Filipino.

Moreno, a neophyte local chief executive of the country's capital, has implemented strict clearing operations against ambulant vendors in some streets of Divisoria and Sta. Cruz, a move that was recognized by national and local government officials.

Aside from Moreno, other Disiplina Muna ambassadors were actor-turned

Philippine Coast Guard Auxiliary, Lt. Cdr. Diether Ocampo and former reporter Jiggy Manicad.

Political will

In a text message to the Philippine News Agency on Thursday, DILG Secretary Eduardo Año said Manila was chosen for the pilot launching of 'Disiplina Muna' campaign due to Domagoso's political will to clear roads and sidewalks of obstructions.

"Siya (Manila Mayor Isko Moreno) ang unang napili dahil siya ang ready agad na tumalima sa challenge at dahil din sa mga naipakita niyang strong political will upang itama ang mga maling nakagawian sa Maynila (He was chosen first because he was ready to take on the challenge and because of his strong political will to correct the wrongdoings in Manila)," Año said.

"Hindi lang naman road clearing ang naging batay-

an dito at tuluy-tuloy naman ang kampanyang ito hindi lamang sa LGUs (local government units) kundi para sa lahat ng Pilipino. (Road clearing is not just the basis of this campaign and the campaign is continuous not only among LGUs but for all Filipinos)," he added.

At the end of the 60-day deadline for LGUs in Metro Manila to clear roads and sidewalks of obstructions, the DILG gave Manila a "medium compliance" rating.

In a separate message, Malaya said the agency will go to other LGUs to promote 'Disiplina Muna'.

"Manila is the capital of (the Philippines) so it was just symbolic that we held it there. Mayor Isko is the first of many mayors that we will make into Disiplina Muna ambassadors," he said. (with reports from Lloyd Caliban/PNA)

POEA reminds firms to submit reports on hired OFWs, employers

MANILA -- The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) on Wednesday reminded recruitment and manning agencies, including foreign employers and principals, of their responsibility to monitor and report the status, condition, or significant events relating to their hired workers.

POEA Administrator Bernard Olalia issued the reminder as some recruitment agencies and employers are not reporting material and relevant information about their recruits on account of data privacy and confidentiality, consequently resulting in inconclusive monitoring reports.

"Incomplete reports are deemed as not compliant to POEA rules and other issuances and data privacy should not be a reason for their non-compliance," Olalia said in a statement.

"The processing of personal information about overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) is allowed under existing laws," he added.

The Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 10173 or the Data Privacy Act of 2012 allows the processing of personal information when "the processing is necessary to protect vitally important interests of the data subject, including his or her life and health; and the processing of personal information is necessary for the fulfillment of the constitutional or statutory mandate of a public authority (Rule V, Section 21. Criteria for Lawful Processing of Personal Information).

Republic Act No. 8042, as amended, mandates the POEA to "formulate and implement, in coordination with appropriate entities concerned, when necessary, a system for promoting and monitoring the overseas employ-

ment of Filipino workers taking into consideration their welfare and the domestic manpower requirements".

Olalia said failure to report on the status of employment of an OFW is a prohibited act under Republic Act 8042, as amended, and the corresponding POEA rules on recruitment and placement of Filipino workers.

"Non-compliance warrants the institution of appropriate disciplinary actions and imposition of the corresponding penalties provided under the rules," he said.

"As a requirement for accreditation, foreign principals and employers sign an undertaking to monitor the employment of overseas Filipino workers and to submit a report of significant incidents relative thereto," Olalia added.

He noted that failure to comply with the said undertaking is ground for administrative sanctions.

"Failure to monitor and report the status, condition, or significant events relating to its hired worker carries a penalty of suspension from participation in the overseas employment program for 6 months to one year on the first offense and permanent disqualification in the overseas employment and permanent disqualification and delisting from the roster of accredited principals/employers on the second offense," Olalia said.

Meanwhile, the POEA has recently developed an online application system to facilitate the monitoring of OFWs.

The monitoring system will be used by Philippine recruitment and manning agencies as a tool in reporting the status and condition of OFWs they have deployed as prescribed by the POEA through Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 12, Series of 2018.

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JESUS, may Your pure and healthy blood circulate in my ailing organism, and may Your pure and healthy body transform my weak body, and may a healthy and vigorous life throb within me, if it is truly Your holy will. Amen.

O BLOOD AND WATER WHICH FLOWED OUT FROM THE HEART OF JESUS AS A FOUNTAIN OF MERCY FOR US, I TRUST IN YOU!



Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, Have Mercy on us and on the whole world. Amen.

3 O'CLOCK PRAYER

"You died Jesus, but the source of life flowed out for souls and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fountain of Life immeasurable Divine Mercy, cover the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us."

"O Blood and Water which flowed out from the heart of Jesus as a Fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in you!"

"Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One have mercy on us and on the whole world." (3x) Amen.

Jesus, King of Mercy, I trust in you!

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