

Secretary's Message
DOLE's 82nd Foundation Anniversary
8 December 2015

I am very pleased to lead the officials and employees of the DOLE family—9,000 strong spread under six services, seven bureaus, 12 attached agencies, and 38 Philippine Overseas Labor Offices in strategic areas worldwide—in celebrating the Department's 82nd Foundation Anniversary on 8 December 2015. I enjoin our fellow Filipinos to join us in the commemoration of this very important milestone.

We deemed it fit to celebrate our 82nd Foundation Anniversary—my sixth celebration as Secretary of Labor and Employment—by looking inward, at us, and show to the nation and to the world our care and concern for our men and women who brave every inch of challenge and circumstance daily to deliver prompt, efficient, and excellent services to all of our clients, as embodied in our celebratory theme, “82 Taong Mahusay na Serbisyo sa Manggagawang Pilipino”. We recognize and appreciate their industry, commitment, and loyalty to the DOLE and this is central to our celebration this year.

I believe that during the past six years, the DOLE, in close cooperation with its social partners, has wrought positive changes that resulted to the transformation of the lives of our workers and their families. Through sheer hard work and steadfast commitment to Pres. Benigno S. Aquino III's governance philosophy of “matuwid na daan”, we delivered on our efforts to contribute to the development and growth of the country, in terms of facilitating gainful employment and providing job opportunities for our workers, maintaining and sustaining industrial peace based on social justice, affording social protection to the vulnerable, and leading in management and innovation that has made the DOLE world-class.

As we commemorate this significant event, we pledge to continue to be relentless in fulfilling our mandate to help the country achieve its national goal of decent and productive employment and inclusive growth, even as we look forward and hopeful for more meaningful milestones and proud achievements in the coming years.

Mabuhay ang DOLE! God bless.

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