

2016 NATIONAL PRODUCTIVITY CONFERENCE
Welcome Message
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OIC-Usec. and Department Legislative Liaison Officer Asec Joji Aragon, Assistant Secretary Maria Glo Tango, Assistant Secretary Alex V. Avila, members of the Commission, Ms. Lucy Tarriela and Mr. Dave Diwa, members of the Regional Tripartite Wages and Productivity Boards, the Labor Attache from the Japanese Embassy, Mr. Hiroyuki Enoki, friends from the various labor organizations, employer groups and industry associations, friends from the academe, and friends from the quality and productivity organization, ladies and gentlemen, good morning.

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 4th National Productivity Conference. Each year, the DOLE through the National Wages and Productivity Commission, together with all its 17 Regional Boards join the observance of October as a quality and productivity month by convening a productivity conference that serves as platform for the exchange of ideas on productivity issues and emerging trends. The conference is an opportunity to deepen our engagement with old partners from the quality and productivity movement with whom we have maintained good relationships for years and to build new networks which we hope will be just as fruitful.

Our theme “Productivity @ work: creating value for workers and enterprises” convey the principle that those who share in the responsibility of improving productivity must also have a stake in the productivity gains. This is an advocacy we are serious about and which we strongly advocate especially among our micro, small and medium enterprises. In a highly competitive and globalized economy, resource constrained MSMEs need to rely on sound labor management relations as the primary mechanism for developing and executing productivity-based solutions for viability, sustainability and resilience amid change and shocks.

As the conference unfolds, we will hear our tripartite partners speak about policy directions, program thrusts and workplace practices and issues on accelerating national and sectoral productivity growth.

The highlights of the conference are the three (3) breakout sessions for which the NWPC assembled a good slate of resource speakers and topics. There will be two sessions on engendering productivity and quality in manufacturing value chains through research and development, technology transfer, skills upgrading and other similar strategies with resource persons coming from two (2) market leaders in the food and electronics management system manufacturing industries. An expert from the academe will speak on agricultural productivity as catalyst for growth in the 3rd breakout session. I hope you will find the conference sessions informative and useful to the productivity initiatives of your respective organizations.

And before I end, allow me to congratulate already the NWPC staff for organizing the event on bringing together quality and productivity experts and advocates from government, industry associations, the academe and other private sector organizations.

On that note, let me again welcome all the participants to 2016 National Productivity Conference.

Thank you and good morning.