

DOLE Initiatives towards Employment Recovery

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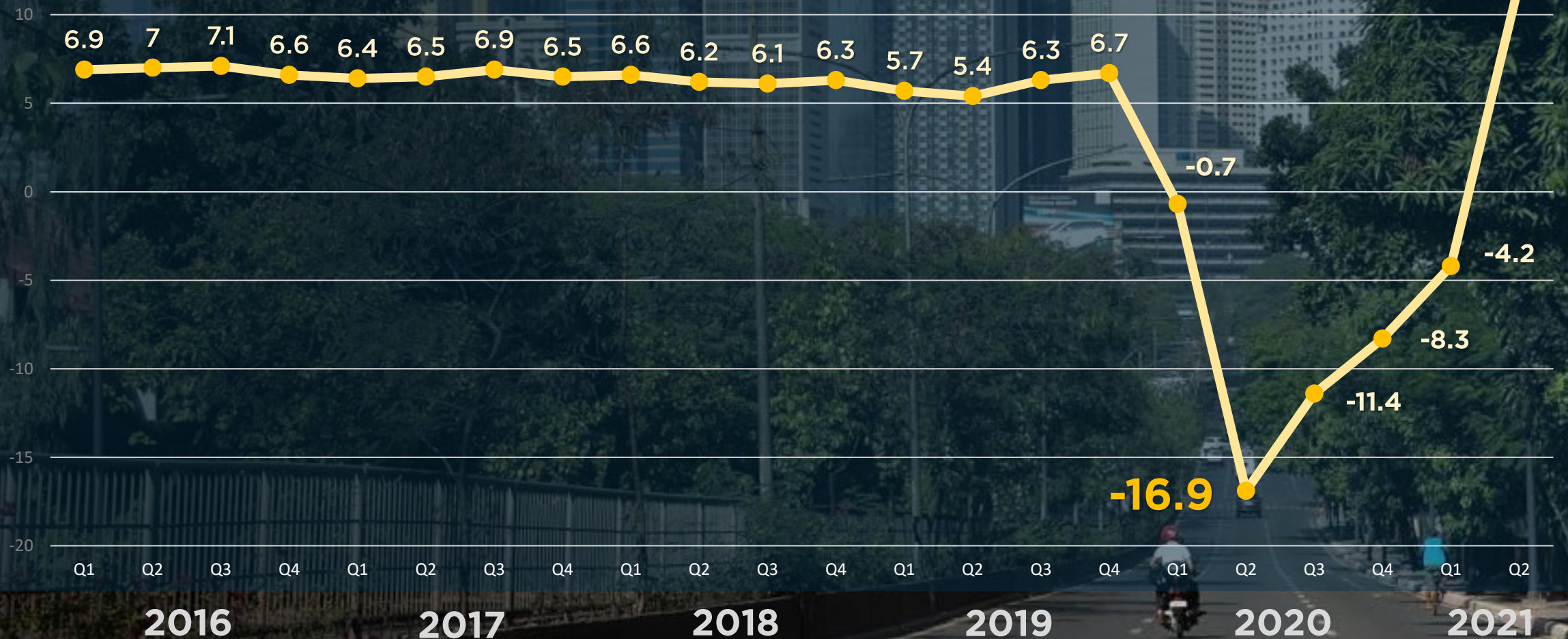
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OUT OF RECESSION

PH Quarterly GDP Growth (2016-2021 Q2), %



LABOR MARKET SITUATION

EMPLOYMENT

2020	JAN 2021	FEB 2021	MAR 2021	APR 2021	MAY 2021	JUN 2021	JUL 2021
89.7%	91.3%	91.2%	92.9%	91.3%	92.3%	92.3%	93.1%
39.4 Million	41.2 Million	43.2 Million	45.3 Million	43.3 Million	44.7 Million	45.1 Million	41.7 Million

UNEMPLOYMENT

10.3%	8.7%	8.8%	7.1%	8.7%	7.7%	7.7%	6.9%
4.5 Million	4.0 Million	4.2 Million	3.4 Million	4.1 Million	3.7 Million	3.8 Million	3.1 Million

UNDEREMPLOYMENT

16.2%	16.0%	18.2%	16.2%	17.2%	12.3%	14.2%	20.9%
6.4 Million	6.6 Million	7.9 Million	7.3 Million	7.5 Million	5.5 Million	6.4 Million	8.7 Million

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DOLE COVID-19 RESPONSE PROGRAMS



COVID-19
ADJUSTMENT
MEASURES
PROGRAM



TUPAD

TULONG PANGHANAPBUHAY SA ATING
DISADVANTAGED/DISPLACED WORKERS

DOLE AKAP

ABOT-KAMAY ANG PAGTULONG

BAYANIHAN 1

658,886 WORKERS
ASSISTED
Php 3.311 B AMOUNT
DISBURSED

423,511 PAID
BENEFICIARIES
Php 1.591 B AMOUNT
DISBURSED

321,450 PAID
OFWS
US\$ 27 M (onsite) AMOUNT
Php 1.86 B (local) DISBURSED

AS OF 7 JULY 2021

1,424,822 WORKERS
ASSISTED
Php 7.134 B AMOUNT
DISBURSED

AS OF 30 JUNE 2021

993,188 PAID
BENEFICIARIES
Php 5.6 B AMOUNT
DISBURSED

AS OF 7 JULY 2021

192,856 PAID
OFWS
US\$ 6.55 M (onsite) AMOUNT
Php 1.6 B (local) DISBURSED

BAYANIHAN 2

WORKERS	PROGRAM	AMOUNT
847,600	CAMP2	Php 4.238 B
523,674	TOURISM	Php 2.628 B
53,548	EDUCATION	Php 268 M

**ASSISTED 4.024 MILLION WORKERS WITH
TOTAL DISBURSEMENT OF PHP 21.05 BILLION**

RELATED ISSUANCES

Labor Advisory 08-2021

Promotion of COVID-19 Vaccination in the Private Sector

Labor Advisory 09-2021

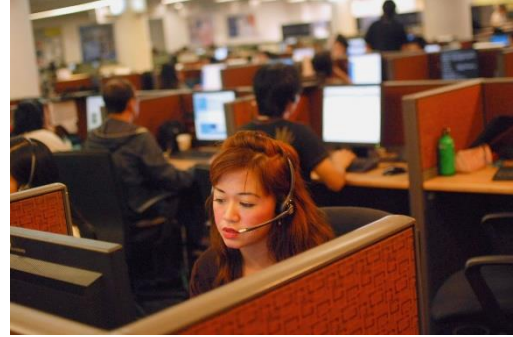
Workplace COVID-19 Prevention and Control Compliance Report (WAIR) Form

Department Order 224-2021

Ventilation for Workplaces and Public Transport to Prevent and Control the Spread of COVID-19

DOLE-DTI Advisory 21-2021

Continued Vigilance against New COVID-19 Variants through Reinforcement of Existing Minimum Public Health and Safety Standards and Protocols



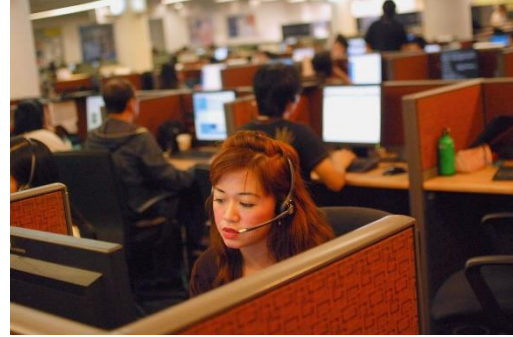
RELATED ISSUANCES

DTI Memorandum Circular No. 21-28

Allowable On-Site Operational or
Venue/Seating Capacity of Business
Establishments, Persons, or Activities
under Various Community Quarantines

DOLE-DOH-DILG- DOT-DTI Joint Memorandum Circular No. 21-01, Series of 2021

Safety Seal Certification Program



ENTRY OF FOREIGN WORKERS

SHORT-TERM WORKERS (less than 6 months)

LONG-TERM WORKERS (6 months and above)*

WORKERS FOR FOREIGN- FUNDED GOVERNMENT PROJECTS*

* - IATF Resolution 131-A



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- Endorsement to the Department of Foreign Affairs for Travel Ban Exemption / Entry Exemption Document
- Application for Alien Employment Permit or Certificate of Exclusion/Exemption with DOLE Regional Offices
- Application for 9G visa with the Bureau of Immigration
- Transmittal and issuance of the approved 9G visa to the Department of Foreign Affairs – Foreign Service Posts
- Application for 47a2 visa with the Department of Justice
- Transmittal and issuance of the approved 47a2 visa to the Department of Foreign Affairs – Foreign Service Posts



DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
KAGAWARAN NG UGNAYANG PANLABAS

FOREIGN SERVICE CIRCULAR NO. 2021-011

SUBJECT: Partial Lifting of the Suspension of Visa Issuance

Consistent with the resolutions promulgated by the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID), the suspension of visa issuance is



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE
FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES

RESOLUTION NO. 131-A
Series of 2021
August 5, 2021

WHEREAS, during the 127th Meeting on July 15, 2021 of the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) for the Management of Emerging and Re-emerging Infectious Diseases, the IATF issued a directive for the Small Working Group on Travel to reconvene to finalize the guidelines for the prompt endorsement of foreign workers for the issuance of their visas and/or entry exemption documents;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the said directive, the working group composed of the Department of Justice (DOJ), as lead agency, the Bureau of Immigration (BI), Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Board of Investment (BOI), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Department of Transportation (DOTr), Department of Tourism (DOT), Department of Health (DOH), and Bureau of Quarantine (BOQ) conducted a series of meetings to develop the inter-agency guidelines;

WHEREAS, there is an existing inter-agency Joint Memorandum Circular No. 001, Series of 2019 (JMC No. 001, s. 2019) between the DOJ, DFA, DOLE, BI, NICA, Department of Finance (DOF), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Professional Regulation Commission (PRC), and the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) which harmonized the policy guidelines governing their issuance of working documents to foreign nationals;

THEREFORE, with the foregoing premises considered, the recommendation of the Technical Working Group to implement the following guidelines that will enable essential foreign workers to come to the Philippines under appropriate work visas, is approved, as follows:

Section 1. Coverage. These guidelines shall cover the foreign nationals who intend to come to the Philippines for employment (more than six months) with a Philippine government project in connection with foreign-funded government projects and infrastructure.



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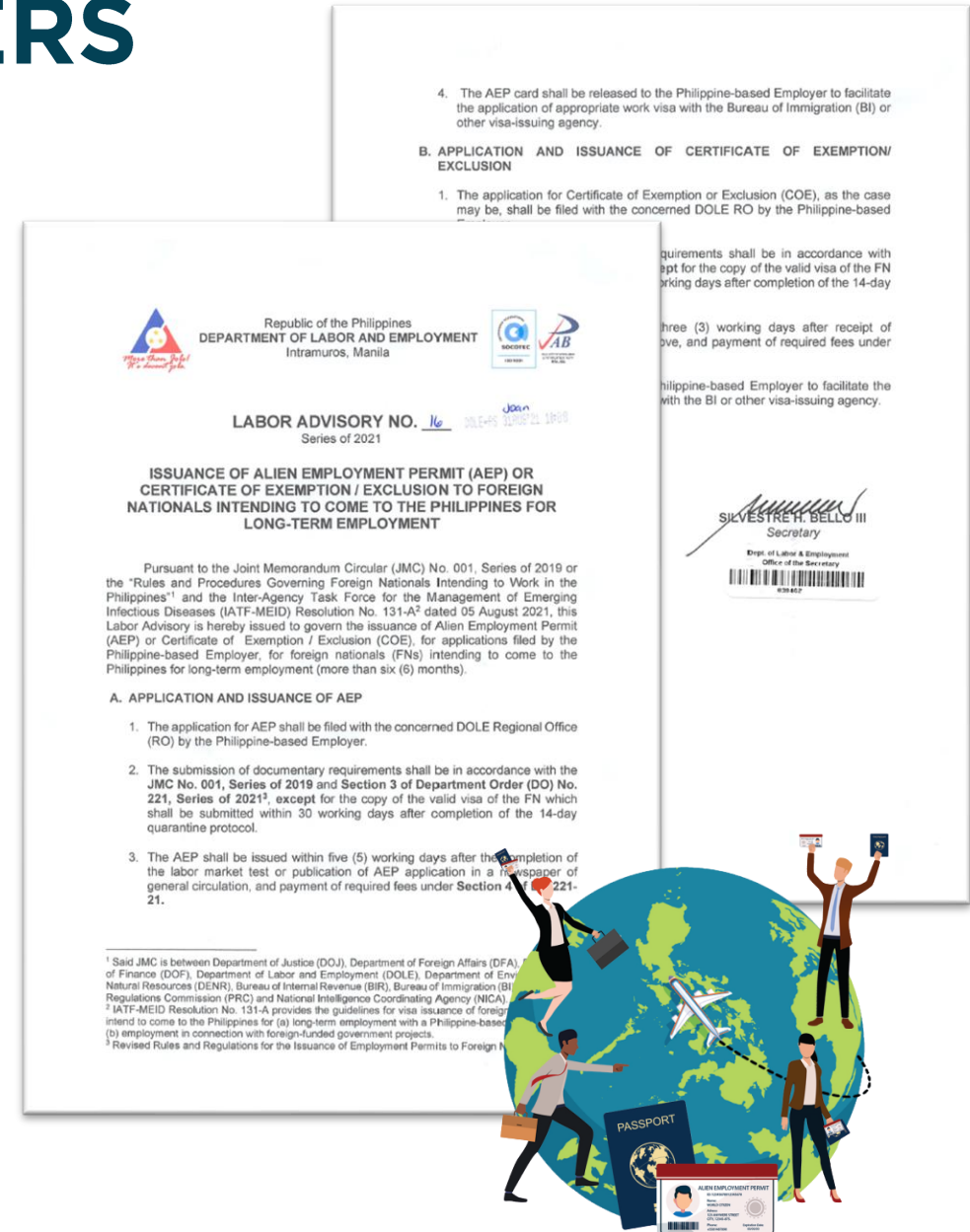
ENTRY OF FOREIGN WORKERS

Labor Advisory No. 16, Series of 2021

- Foreign nationals who intend to work in the country for over six months may now apply for an Alien Employment Permit (AEP) or Certificate of Exemption/Exclusion (COE) through their Philippine-based employer.



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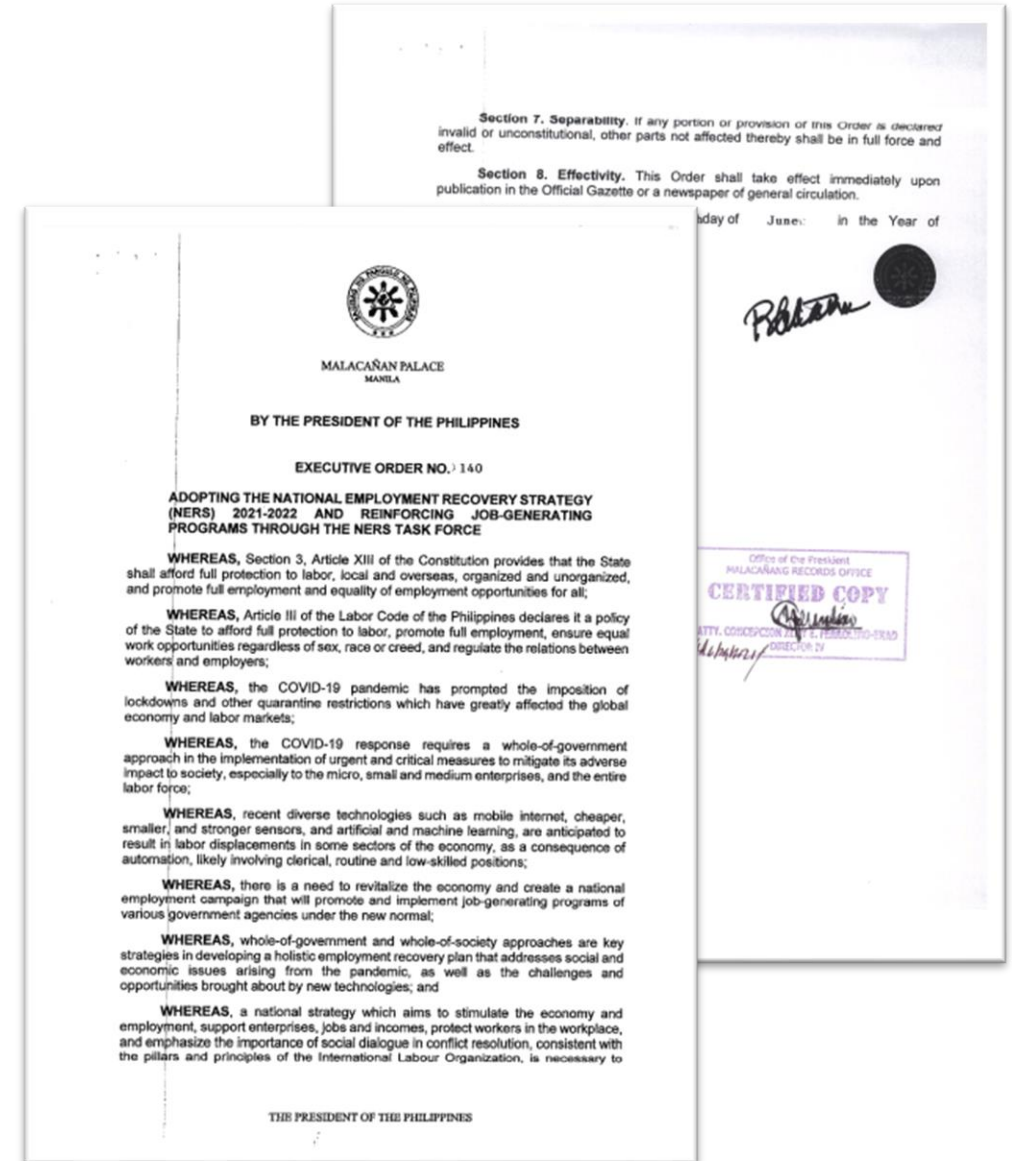
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National Employment Recovery Strategy 2021-2022

Philippine Government's Master Plan for the Recovery of the Pandemic-Struck Labor Market





National Employment Recovery Strategy 2021-2022

8-POINT EMPLOYMENT RECOVERY AGENDA

BUDGET ALLOCATED	PROPOSED BUDGET	TARGET BENEFICIARIES
Php 1.139 Trillion	Php 24 Billion	1.421 Million
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Approval of the Proposed Wage Subsidy for Private Sector Workers2. Conduct of a Job Summit3. Support the passage of priority legislations that strengthen economic and employment recovery4. Promote retooling and upskilling of workers5. Full implementation of youth employability programs6. Extend assistance to establishments through loans, deferment of applicable fees, upgrading of processes, etc.7. Provide social protection to vulnerable groups8. Monitor and support continuous implementation of programs with high impact on employment		

Reform. Rebound. Recover: One Million Jobs for 2021



30 June 2021 | 42nd National
Conference of Employers

Signing of the Memorandum of
Understanding

PROPOSED JOB SOURCES:

PHILIPPINE CONSTRUCTORS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Direct: **500,000**

Indirect: **100,000**

IT & BUSINESS PROCESS ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILIPPINES

Direct: **70,000**

Indirect: **300,000**

SEMICONDUCTOR AND ELECTRONICS INDUSTRIES IN THE PHILIPPINES, INC.

Direct: **18,000**

Indirect: **32,000**





National Employment
Recovery Strategy



Employers Confederation
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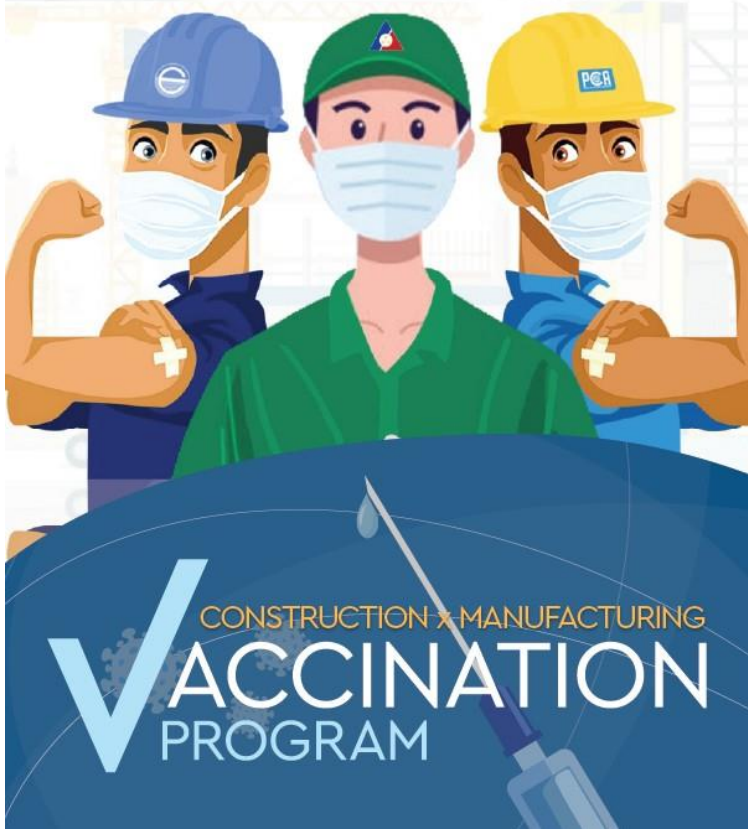
**1 MILLION
JOBS FOR
• 2021 •**



Philippine
Constructors
Association Inc.



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Kickoff Vaccination



Following the approval of vaccine allocation under the 1M Jobs Project, a vaccination kickoff was conducted in the City of Manila where 1,046 workers, mostly from the construction industry, were vaccinated at the DOLE LGLC.

MOVING FORWARD: TOWARDS A SAFE AND BETTER NORMAL

- Strict implementation of the minimum public health standards
- Continuous rollout of the vaccination program
- Support for business through available incentives
- Upskilling and retooling initiatives to empower the workforce



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