

# **RCMB2**

# **CELEBRATES**

## **GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY**

Good News

National Conciliation and Mediation Board

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A groundbreaking ceremony took place for the construction of the building of the National Conciliation and Mediation Board – Regional Conciliation and Mediation Branch No. 2 (NCMB-RCMB2) located at the Regional Government Center, Carig, Tuguegarao City in front of a small crowd, which included local government officials, heads and staff of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), Employer and Employee representatives, and several people from the media.

Members of the Regional Coordinating Committee (RCC) from the Department of Labor and Employment, National Labor Relations Commission (NLRC), Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA), Regional Tripartite Wages and Productivity Board (RTWPB), Occupational Safety and Health Center (OSHC) and Employees' Compensation Commission (ECC) gathered Friday, March 31, 2017 to celebrate an occasion ten years in the making.

With the construction of this one-storey building, our labor and management stakeholders will have a one-stop shop to which they can avail of our services, said RCMB2 Director Susana A. Quimpo. Armed with a can-do attitude, Quimpo tirelessly put together applications and sketches for the structure and made her quest to make not only the groundbreaking activity a success but the construction of the building itself.

NCMB Executive Director IV Shirley M. Pascual explained that

initial plans for the building construction started with retired RCMB 2 Director Aniano N. Guzman. "It was ten years ago today that RCMB 2 was in the midst of campaigning for the construction of their own building," Pascual said, " in collaboration with NEDA, Director Guzman took the initiative and made sure the branch got its share of property for the erection of the building right here in the Regional Government Center (RGC).

With engineering plans and cost estimates to show that it was feasible, the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) finally approved the allocation of P4.6M budget for the construction of the building project. Pascual agreed that it is the first time in the NCMB history to have its own building constructed in Region 2. She congratulated Director Quimpo and expressed her hopes that the rest of the NCMB regional branches will follow her initiative when opportunities to construct their respective buildings. The government is foremost to be benefitted in this project because there will be no more rental charges to be paid, she said.

Undersecretary for Human Capital Development and Regional Operations Bernard P. Olalia was invited as guest speaker during the ceremony. He praised the leadership of RCMB2 in their effort for the building project become a reality. Projects of this nature do not happen by themselves. It takes people, workers together and to make a difference," Olalia said, looking forward that the construction would be completed in December 2017.

OIC Regional Director Ferdinand P. Tumaliuan of NEDA agreed with the response of USEC Olalia that the building project was made possible by the dedication of many. This is a work of many hands," he said. "It was a partnership with the local government, national government, individuals and private entities."

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Andrew Vincent R. Pagurayan of the Cagayan Provincial Capitol said that the building construction would serve to be a model for other government agencies outside of Region 2.

NCMB Deputy Executive Director Ma. Teresita L. Cancio, Director Ma. Cristina O. Mangaliman and Financial Management Division Chief Edithliane P. Tadeo also graced the occasion.-  
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