DTI AND DAP JOINTLY HOLDS MEETING ON EMPLOYMENT UNDER THE PANDEMIC

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The Wholesale & Retail Sector Summit Consultation on Employment Recovery hosted by the DTI's CPAB & the Development Academy of the Philippines took place via Zoom in the morning of 7 April 2021. PAGASA was invited as a panelist/discussant on the local situation for wholesale/retail when it comes to employment in these industries. Also reactors were the Phil. Retailers Assn., Phil. Consumer-Centric Traders Assn., Phil. Assn. of Stores and Carinderia Operators and the Direct Selling Assn. of the Phils. Presenters came from the ILO & the WB. PAGASA Pres. STC suggested to the Dept. of Labor and Employment to allow supermarkets which are cash-strapped to pay salaries partially in the form of groceries/goods. DOLE Asec. Dominique "Nikki" Rubia-Tutay says this is not an accepted traditional form of compensation that DOLE & ILO approves of but given the situation, one may sign an agreement with their personnel to arrange this for say, up to three months only (a temporary arrangement) while economic conditions are bad. STC also suggested that LGUs encourage the elderly or those retired/WFH to go shop at supermarkets from 10:00am-2:00pm when customers are sparse in supermarkets and that Barangays/Community Leaders to continuously announce over loud speakers health safety protocols in their respective areas of jurisdiction.