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### DILG, DTI to push for unified BPLS in Southern Leyte

By: ES Gorne

MAASIN CITY, Southern Leyte July 26 (PIA8) - As the province of Southern Leyte seeks to better serve its business community, the Southern Leyte provincial offices of the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) and Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) join forces to effect a better government service in all local government units thru the implementation of Business Permits and Licenses Streamlining (BPLS) in the province.

"For most of the local government units in the province, BPLS is not something new," Sandra Alcober, DTI Trade and Industry Specialist II disclosed to PIA Southern Leyte that last year, in close coordination with the GIZ, several municipalities in the province were already given orientation on the said streamlining activities .

Some 14 municipalities have already undergone orientation on BPLS though they do not have a unified reduction of the number of hours, signatories and forms to be complied by the applicant –investor effected in their respective local government units will still undergo re-orientation , Alcober said.

However, the rest of the requirements in putting up a business establishment from the offices of SSS, PhilHealth, Pag-Ibig, Fire Department, among others will soon be complied within a thirty days or else the business permit earlier issued will be revoked, Alcober added.

In tandem with the DILG- So Leyte , a proposal has been submitted by DTI provincial office to the latter for the conduct of another BPLS orientation for all the local government units in the province since most of the 18 municipalities are already aware of such streamlining activities, it would be easier for them to implement the program. The orientation is tentatively set on August 2011, she said

This time the orientation a unified form kit for Southern Leyte LGUs will be introduced, Alcober added.

The trainor's of the said orientation will compose of the DILG and DTI provincial staff, who attended the trainor's training of BPLS in Cebu City earlier, she said.

Alcober further disclosed that the orientation is in preperation for the establishment of a Business One Stop Shop (BOSS), wherein an office will gather all the needed government agencies in the requirements of a business permit shall be found for the convenience and faster access for the investors.

BOSS will soon be piloted in Maasin City hopefully by next year, she added. (opt/PIA SoLeyte/esg)

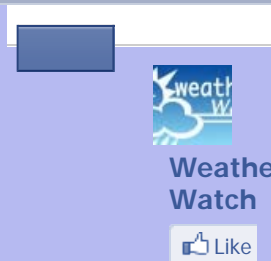
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