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TACLOBAN CITY — The regional director of the Department of Trade and Industry here in the region said that as mandated to them by President Benigno “Noynoy” Aquino III to increase job creation and investment generation, they will continue to implements their programsd that aim to help the business sector especially those who are just about to start their business.

Among these programs that they are implementing is the establishments of NERBAC or the National Economic Research and Business Assistance Center and the streamlining of business licensing processes in all local government units.

“This year we will continue in focusing the improvement of the services that NERBAC provided to the business sector,” Nierras said in the weekly forum Express it at the Park.

NERBAC is a one-stop shop that offers one-stop licensing, investment research and knowledge management.

In the region, there are three established NERBAC, one is located at the regional office of DTI, and the other one is in Ormoc City for the province of Leyte and another in Calbayog City for the province of Samar.

It has been learned also that the DTI regional office is currently working on the request of the local government units of Guiuan and Maasin City for the establishments of NERBAC in their respective area.

In the city of Tacloban, the local government unit has been implementing a one-stop shop for LGU business licensing under the leadership of Mayor Alfred Romualdez but this shop still lacks the major agencies that are necessary in business licensing and in the establishments of NERBAC.

“Their one-stop shop lacks the five major offices that are mandatory in the establishments of NERBAC. These are the offices of the DTI, Philhealth, Pag-ibig, Bureau of Internal Revenue and the Social Security System,” Nierras said.

“But in my talk with Mayor Romualdez, he assured that they will include the five offices in their one-stop shop,” she added.

Another program that the DTI will continue to implement is the streamlining of the licensing procedure of the local government units. This is with the help of the German Technical Cooperation in cooperation with the Department of Interior and Local Government.

“We know for the fact, that when it comes to business licensing it is hard and we need to wait a long time to process it,” Nierras said.

“By streamlining, it will limit the signatories and step for business licensing because it will only go to the necessary people who will sign the papers,” she added. In the region, there are 23 local government units that have undergone the GTZ-DTI streamlining program and this includes the provincial capital of each provinces.

Among the local government units that had undergone into the said program are the municipalities of Oras and Guiuan and the city of Borongan in Eastern Samar; the municipalities of Catarman, San Antonio and Laoang in Northern Samar; the municipality of Naval in Biliran Province; the municipalities of Calbiga and Daram and the cities of Calbayog and Catbalogan in the province of Samar; the city of Maasin in Southern Leyte, and the municipalities of Palompon, Isabel, Palo, Burauen, Hilongos, Tanauan, Tolosa and Mayorga and the cities of Ormoc, Tacloban and Baybay for the province of Leyte.

Nierres said that once all local government units had done with the streamlining process the next step of the DTI is to establish a NERBAC in their municipality. **(ROEL AMAZONA)**

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