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DOLE awards P 1-M for Ifugao enterprise projects

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LAGAWE, Ifugao, Apr. 3 (PIA)-- The Department of Labor and Employment , Cordillera Administrative Region (DOLE-CAR) recently awarded the amount of more than P1 million worth of checks to four organizations in the province for their projects under the DOLE Integrated Livelihood Program (DILP).

The checks were handed to the beneficiaries by DOLE-CAR Regional Director Henry John Jalbuena assisted by Ifugao Congressman Teodoro Baguilat Jr. and Governor Eugene Balitang during the launching of the "DILP towards Community Enterprise Development" held at the Capitol today.

The beneficiaries of the DILP are the KATAGUWAN Muscovado Processors based in Lagawe which received P605,000.00 for its muscovado processing and coffee facilities project; the HOJAP Multi-Purpose Cooperative of Asipulo with P155,000.00 for its vegetable noodle facilities project; Rice Terraces Farmers Cooperative of Banaue with P150,000.00 for its heirloom packaging project and the SARANAY Multi-Purpose Cooperative of Alfonso Lista with P150,000.00 for agri-inputs project.

Fely Lamsen of DOLE-CAR explained that the DILP is a convergence of services program in partnership with the Department of Trade and Industry, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, Department of Science and Technology and the Provincial Government of Ifugao, that seeks to generate employment and alleviate poverty through enterprise development.

She said that the beneficiary organizations were selected upon compliance with several criteria such as the ownership of the project site, registration of the organization with DOLE, submission of profile of all the members of the organization, monthly operation and organizational records, open for visitation and audit purposes and others.

Jalbuena thanked Baguilat and Balitang for their strong support, cooperation and desire for enterprise development in the province that will benefit their people. He told the beneficiary organizations to sustain and make their projects successful to attain their goals.

Baguilat and Balitang were awarded by DOLE with plaques of appreciation for supporting the DILP. Baguilat expressed his happiness that his projects for enterprise development in the province when he was still the Governor were continued by his predecessor, Balitang.

Balbuena added that the DILP has an available fund amounting to P60 million which can be thoroughly accessed by the Public Employment Services Offices (PESO). He urged Balitang to institutionalize the PESO in Ifugao because until today it is only the province of Benguet that has institutionalized the PESO in the Cordillera. (JDP/DBC-PIA CAR,Ifugao)