

ARTA presents NEHEMIA, NBOSS during 2nd Advisory Council meeting

OCTOBER 10, 2019- The Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA) presented two initiatives during the recently held 2nd Ease of Doing Business-Anti-Red Tape Advisory Council meeting at the Board of Investments Office.

The establishment of the National Business One Stop Shop (NBOSS), and the National Effort for Harmonization of Efficiency Measures of Inter-related Agencies or Project NEHEMIA, are the realization of the Authority's continued effort to further intensify the campaign against eliminating red tape in the government.

NBOSS aims to ease doing business by streamlining and integrating the process of securing business permits through co-location of the offices of the Securities and Exchange Commission, Bureau of Internal Revenue, Social Security System, PhilHealth, PAGIBIG and LGU implementation of a unified form, and development of an electronic or online payment mechanism.

Meanwhile, Project NEHEMIA is a streamlining challenge for targeted agencies to reduce costs and steps by 52% in 52 weeks in 2020. Some of the participants in this challenge include government agencies that cater cargo & logistics and housing sector.

The 2nd Advisory Council meeting was facilitated by Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Secretary Ramon M Lopez, ARTA Director General Jeremiah Belgica, DDG Ernesto V. Perez, DTI Assistant Secretary Mary Jean Pacheco, Department of Information and Communication Technology Assistant Secretary Emmanuel Rey Caintic, and Private Sector representatives Guillermo M. Luz and Mr. Romeo Bernard

The said event was a follow up to the Council's first meeting last August 8, 2019 in which the group previously discussed NBOSS and the division of the Doing Business Reform Committee into 11 sub-committees. They also tackled the designation of permanent alternates and the schedule and hosting of the regular Council meetings.

The EODB-ARTA Advisory Council was created under Section 19 of R.A. 11032 and is tasked to formulate policies and programs to enhance and improve the country's competitiveness and ease of doing business as well as promote anti-red tape initiatives.

Furthermore, the Council is responsible for recommending to the Authority issuances of the relevant measures to promote transparency and efficiency in business practices and government service delivery.

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