

P5 M labor elimination project launched

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SAN FERNANDO CITY, La Union - A Geneva, Switzerland-based foundation in coordination with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Regional Office I has launched a project designed to eliminate child labor in

the tobacco-growing provinces in the Ilocos.

A two-year comprehensive project called Eliminating Child Labor in the Tobacco Industry (ECLTI) aims to eliminate or lessen the risks of child labor in the tobacco industry through the

establishment of reliable baseline data, convergence of programs from various social partners and promotion of advocacy and capability building.

The Eliminating Child Labor in Tobacco-growing Foundation (ECLTI Foundation) in Geneva has donated in form of a grant P5,040,000.00 for the two-year project. The money will be spent, among others, for trainings, organization/strengthening of Barangay Councils for the Protection of Children (BCPCs) including alternative livelihood and educational assistance.

A Subcommittee for the Elimination of Child Labor in the Tobacco Industry (SECLTI), involved in the implementation and monitor-

ment Units, Union Leaf, Trans-Manila, Conleaf, Phils., Philip Morris and National Tobacco Redrying Company Incorporated.

Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University North La Union Campus (DMMMSU-NLUC) in cooperation with Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges conducted and presented the Research Survey on the Incidence of Child Labor in the Tobacco Industry to the SECLTI core members.

DOLE Regional Director Atty. Guerrero N. Cirilo said in an interview that the intended project beneficiaries for the livelihood and educational assistance are already identified. He added that ECLTI project started in July last year



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