

PMDC ORGANIZES THE FOUNDATIONAL COURSE ON MINING BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS



The Philippine Mining Development Corporation (PMDC) in partnership with the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) of the Philippines organized a three-day Foundational Course on Mining Business and Human Rights last June 8-10, 2017 at Seda Hotel Abreeza, J.P. Laurel Ave., in Davao City.

The seminar was attended by the PMDC Management and representatives from the Commission on Human Rights XI, Mines and Geosciences Bureau XI, Philippine Information Agency XI, Board of Investments (BOI) Davao, United Tribal Council of Leaders/Elders (UTCEL), Barangay Captains from Naboc, Tubo2, Upper Ulip and Mt. Diwata, Mindanao Indigenous Peoples Conference for Peace and Development (MIPCPD).

The seminar provided the participants with basic knowledge on Mining Business and Human Rights principles using a multi-sectoral approach. CHR Dir. Ana Elzy E. Ofreneo of the Human Rights Education and Research Office facilitated the discussion of the following topics: International and Domestic Human Rights Law, UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and Principles of the Global Compact.

Meanwhile, the learning sessions led by Dir. Ofreneo also presented some case studies and lectures through video presentations. The attendees also participated in group presentations and workshops. On the other hand, Engr. Samuel Guadalupe from the MGB discussed the Mining Business Concepts and Operations while Dir. Maria Lourdes Arcenas led the discussion on Crisis Communication.

Also during the seminar, the Barangay Captains and the representatives from the UTCEL also presented and discussed some of the issues, problems and concerns in the DMRA.

