

Secretary Bello and Delegation Visit British Columbia and Yukon



27 August 2019 – Labor and Employment Secretary Silvestre H. Bello III (center) and Ambassador Petronila P. Garcia (left) pose with British Columbia's Labour Minister Harry Bains (right) at the conclusion of their meeting on August 27 at the Office of the Premier and Cabinet in Vancouver, where they discussed the welfare of Filipino workers in B.C.



28 August 2019 – Labor and Employment Secretary Silvestre H. Bello III (4L) and delegation meet with Yukon's Deputy Premier and Minister for Economic Development Ranj Pillai on collaborative efforts to streamline the recruitment process for Filipino participants to the Yukon Nominee Program. Joining the meeting were Ambassador Petronila P. Garcia (3R), Consul General Maria Andrelita S. Austria, Labor Attaché Margarita Victorino-Marquez, OWWA Administrator Hans Leo J. Cacdac, POEA Administrator Bernard P. Olalia, and Occupational Safety and Health Center Executive Director Noel C. Binag.



(Top photo) Secretary Bello (standing) and Deputy Premier Pillai (seated) take turns in announcing the signing of a Joint Communiqué that will pave the way for the establishment of a formal cooperation on the recruitment and deployment of Filipino workers to Yukon and the mutual benefits it would have on both the Philippines, as the sending country, and the Government of Yukon, which welcomes Filipino migrants.

(Bottom photo) Labor and Employment Secretary Silvestre H. Bello III (seated, right) and Yukon Deputy Premier Ranj Pillai (seated, left) sign the Joint Communiqué between the Philippine Department of Labor and Employment and the Department of Economic Development of the Government of Yukon held at the Transportation Museum on August 28. Present at the signing event were members of the Yukon business community, major employers of Filipinos in Whitehorse, and the Filipino community in Yukon.



(Clockwise, top left photo) Labor and Employment Secretary Silvestre H. Bello III and delegation attend a meeting with the Filipino community in Yukon and are welcomed by Ms. Aurora Viernes, President of the Canadian-Filipino Association in Yukon. The meeting also provided the opportunity for Administrator Hans Leo J. Cacdac to present OWWA's PITAKA program and for Administrator Bernard P. Olalia to update the audience on POEA rules and discuss the dangers of not going through the recruitment process.

Secretary Bello hands a Philippine flag pin with the president's fist to Filipino-Canadian Whitehorse City Councillor Jocelyn Curteanu.

Secretary Bello shares a light moment with community members at the end of the meeting.



(Left photo, L-R) POEA Administrator Bernard P. Olalia, Occupational Safety and Health Center Executive Director Noel C. Binag, Welfare Officer Lilia De Guzman, Labor Attaché Margarita Victorino-Marquez, Consul General Maria Andrelita S. Austria, and Deputy Consul General Arlene T. Magno pose outside the office of MP Peter Julian in New Westminster.

(Right photo) Member of Parliament Peter Julian (left) admires the token he received from Philippine Labor and Employment Secretary Silvestre H. Bello III (right) at the end of their meeting which touched on immigration and credentialing issues and how these could be improved for the benefit of Filipinos working in B.C.