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**Opening Address at the Greening the Labour and  
Employment Agenda 2011-2016 and the Philippine Jobs Pact**

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Undersecretary Trasmonte and Director Cruz of the Department of Labor and Employment  
Vice-Chairperson Sering of the Philippine Climate Change Committee  
Undersecretary Ignacio of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
Director Asuncion of the National Economic Development Authority  
Dr Ofreneo of the University of the Philippines School of Labor and Industrial Relations  
Representatives from the Philippine Government, employers' and workers organizations  
Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, magandang umaga (*good morning*)!

Let me welcome all of you to this Roundtable Discussion on Greening the Labor and Employment Agenda 2011-2016.

We are aware of the impact of climate change and environmental degradation on jobs and industries. Disasters from Typhoon Ondoy in the Philippines and the recent tsunami in Japan, affected the lives of many people. In Japan, many families lost their loved ones and their livelihoods. A number of businesses have been crippled, which expanded the loss of jobs and livelihood. Indeed, it is time to focus on the impact of environmental and climate change on achieving sustainable economic growth.

The Philippine Development Plan 2011-2016 has been endorsed and approved. The primary aim of the plan is:

- To achieve inclusive growth, not jobless growth,
- To create significant employment opportunities and
- To reduce the ranks of the working poor and those living in poverty

Conservation, Protection and Rehabilitation of the Environment and Natural Resources towards Sustainable Development is included as a chapter in the PDP. The Department of Labor and

Employment is formulating the labour and employment agenda and drafting the Philippine Jobs Pact.

The International Labour Organization supports these development planning processes by participating in consultations and supporting the on-going formulation of the labour and employment agenda. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge DOLE for initiating and leading the process of greening the employment agenda. DOLE has proactively integrated the impact of environment and climate change within the pillars of decent and productive work.

Making decent and productive work for sustained greener growth a reality is a significant challenge but also a great opportunity. By working together, we can help achieve the triple dividends of green jobs:

- to sustain enterprises,
- reduce poverty and the ranks of the working poor, and
- promote a job-centred economic recovery

We thank you for your continued support. We all look forward to the success of this roundtable discussion.

*Mabuhay!*

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