

# Leaders in the Social Work profession pledge to strengthen their craft in Central Luzon



Different representatives of various fields of social work came together to celebrate Filipino Social Workers' Day on 23 June 2023 in Angeles City.

The event aims to recognize the unique efforts of the different fields as an essential part of a holistic mechanism to improve the quality of life of Filipinos.

The highlight of the event is the signing of their pledge of commitment to more effective collaboration.

The symbolic activity was first signed by DSWD Region III Director Jonathan V. Dirain followed by other social work leaders.

Their pledge reads:

"We, the representatives of different social work organizations in Central Luzon take this pledge to commit ourselves, with utmost sincerity, to uphold the spirit of unity and collaboration.

Guided by the objectives of the ASEAN Social Work Consortium – Philippines, we pledge to support and collaborate with the Central Luzon Social Work Consortium on programs and initiatives that promote the profession, strengthen solidarity, and institutionalize effective collaboration for the development of social workers and schools of social work in the region. As social work leaders, we will promote and

foster a harmonious working environment for all social workers, guided by our profession's philosophy, values, and principles.

This is our pledge.”

The pledge of commitment was led by Jefran P. Olingay, Chairperson of the consortium and a social worker in the court setting.

Other officers of the consortium are: Jasper P. Nicolas (Vice-Chairperson, Association of DSWD Social Workers, Inc.), Dr. Mary Grace T. Sandico (Treasurer, National Association of Social Work Education, Inc.), Melanie M. Barnachea (Secretariat, DSWD Region III), and Nedda Angelica D. Dizon (Assit. Secretariat, DSWD Region III).