

“MAY I HELP YOU” CORNER IN NAIA TERMINAL 3 LAUNCHED



OWWA Administrator Hans Leo Cacdac spearheads the ribbon cutting ceremony along with migration stakeholders from the government, civil societies, and the migrants themselves.



UNITED President Novelita Palisoc visits the “May I Help You” corner in NAIA Terminal 3.

With the unveiling of the “May I Help You” corner at the 2nd floor of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 3 on March 28, 2019, the UN Women and the International Labour Organization Philippines launched the Safe and Fair: Realizing Women Migrant Workers’ Rights and Opportunities in the ASEAN region.

Representatives from various Philippine government agencies led by the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration, Philippine Commission on Women, Commission on Filipinos Overseas, NGOs, and the European Union Delegation in the Philippines graced the Safe and Fair Programme launch as part of the celebration of International Women’s Month.

The affair, hosted by ILO's National Project Coordinator, Rex Varona, and UN Women's National Project Officer, Charisse Jordan, shared to the public what the Safe and Fair Programme in the Philippines is all about, and the value of the "May I Help You" corner for women migrants— especially as they face challenges and opportunities in their migration journey.

The services that may be availed by women migrants at the corner include assistance for the following: 1) Airport navigation, 2) Understanding one's work contract, 3) Dealing with issues in a foreign country, 4) Ensuring safe and legal recruitment, 5) Filing cases and complaints, 5) Receiving counselling and legal advices, and 6) Contacting 911, the National Emergency Hotline.

Welcome remarks were given by NAIA Terminal 3's Manager, Dante Basanta, followed by keynote messages from OWWA Administrator, Hans Leo Caddac, Chair of the Safe and Fair National Project Advisory Committee, and Cecile Gutierrez, Deputy Director of the PCW and Vice-Chair of NPAC; Diana Van Daele, Programme Health Manager of the EU Delegation in the Philippines; and Novelita Palisoc, President of the United Domestic Workers of the Philippines.

During the event, the CFO provided information materials and souvenirs concerning migration and development and prevention of human trafficking, to name a few.

The "May I Help You" corner complements to one-stop-shop desk at the airport staffed by CFO, OWWA, and POEA. It will be further developed as an interactive kiosk to serve as an information hub for migrants.