



FLAG RAISING & WELCOME CEREMONIES

On Monday, 7th of May 2018, USEC Ronald M. Dela Rosa formally assumed his position as the new BuCor Director General during the Flag Raising Ceremony. He declared his eagerness to express his heart's content and preferred the appeal to the heart because it is easier to understand. He encouraged everyone to have a heart to heart talk with him but should always be with a reason.

He proudly stated that he is here to make everyone's life better. He expressed that in doing good things, one shouldn't need guarding at all. That it would be less stress on both the employee's part and top management if no one must guard one another because the organization is running smoothly.

There is no other purpose for him being the BuCor Director General but to enhance the organization. As for his immediate mission, it is to stop the drug transaction, drug use and drug trafficking wherein the Bureau of Corrections are involved, particularly the New Bilibid Prison (NBP). Synonymously to a punching bag, BuCor is completely damaged especially from bad publicity. So, it is high time for everyone to stand up and be proud to say that the Bureau is completely cleaned and will never be involved again in the same trend.

USEC Dela Rosa then asked everyone if they are on his' side, which was unanimously answered by a big "YES". He also verified if there is an employee who receives bribe from drug lords because they are afraid to fight back and are vulnerable to death threats which were answered this time with a "NO".

The new BuCor leader issued a stern warning to everyone against cowardice, be it a Corrections Officer or Corrections Technical Officer. He even challenged and asked everyone, "What's the use of the uniform if you don't even know how to fight back to those who are confined?" He also encouraged those who have uncertainties to resign because they don't



deserve any minute here in the agency. His only policy, which is “We should never get distressed by these people (PDLs), they should be the one getting distressed over us (Corrections Officers)”. Citing his plan of having an internal cleansing (just like in PNP which gave a remarkable cut down) here in BuCor, he stressed that it will be more rigid.

Asking for the total strength, he encouraged the employees to help clean the organization. He clearly doesn't want to hear alibis telling him that they got scared. He cited that news that has reached pertaining to those Corrections Officers who got killed by drug lords inside the penitentiary. He insisted that the officers of this Bureau have the power and authority and that they should use this authority over them (PDLs).



Another big issue he addressed is about officers accepting bribe money from PDLs. Citing the statement “Magsasalita ako laban sa katiwalian at pagsasamantala” in the Panunumpa ng Kawani ng Gobyerno, he reiterated that the President doesn't want to tolerate any exploitation of power especially of BuCor funds or any other forms of corruption. He reminded everyone that we are here to serve and not to get wealthy from bribes. With regards to the delay in the salary increase, he stated that he is not promising a bed of roses, but he will do his best to give what is right for all of us.



USEC Dela Rosa called upon the Superintendents of the 7 colonies and held them responsible for PDLs who are allegedly allowed to get out and be hired to kill people especially now during Election period. Correctional Institution for Women was given instruction to keep a watchful eye to PDL Yu Yuk Lai and never to get anything in kind from her.

The New Bilibid Prison Hospital also received an advice from USEC Dela Rosa to fix the



health system in the hospital because during his visit in the Medium Security Compound, he encountered PDLs who were getting dehydrated due to the scorching heat. He also instructed the Chief Medical Officer to avoid catering to the needs malingering PDLs. He ordered that the NBP Hospital should not be used to let the inmates enjoy a luxurious treatment.

USEC Bato fearlessly expressed his eagerness to meet the drug lords from Building 14, to check whether they are really to be feared just, like what he had been constantly hearing. He commended his comrades ASEC Valfrid Tabian and ASEC Melvin Ramon Buenafe who were very hands-on in the implementation of the RA 10575.

He ended his message by advising everyone to always pray so God will guide them to do good. Anyone can be brave but will still need His guidance and repentance. He wishes to have a smooth run over the Bureau of Corrections with the support and cooperation of all employees and PDLs we are guarding.





VISIT AT SHU-BUILDING 14

Right after the Flag Raising, USEC Dela Rosa immediately proceeded to the Security Housing Unit - Bldg. 14, also known as the Super Maximum that currently holds 60 high risk and high profile PDLs. With solid opening statements such as, "Wala akong pakialam kung mayaman kayo, marami kayong pera, siga kayo. Dito right here, right now, ako ang siga dito hindi kayo kaya ako ang masusunod dito hindi kayo. Wag nyo isipin na drug lord kayo, may pera kayo, mayaman kayo, kaya nyo takutin yung mga guwardiya ko," he, identified every inmate by calling their names individually.

He also made a consensus with the PDLs saying, "Pag gumagawa kayo ng matino, ka-kampi ninyo ako. Hindi ko kayo pababayaan, this is my first and last conversation with you. Pag ayaw ninyo magbago, babaguhin ko kayo."

He also ordered the PDLs to totally stop and never try to do any transactions of illegal drugs at all and cooperate to fully transform this agency.



COMMAND CONFERENCE

After his visit at Bldg. 14, Dela Rosa led a Command Conference at the New Conference Room, Admin Bldg., Muntinlupa City. Officials from the seven (7) BuCor Operating Prison and Penal Farms presented the current prison situation such as PDL Population, Admissions vs Releases, Congestion Rate, Custodial Strength and Corrections Officer to PDL Ratio. Significant Accomplishments were also reported, as well as the importance of reformation programs according to the agency's mandate and core values.

Also in attendance were key BuCor officials, division chiefs and OICs who reported the status of their respective offices. USEC Dela Rosa stated his expectations, laid down his plans and discussed possible solutions to the challenges the institution is currently experiencing.

