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PWDs upgrade skills in 3-day workshop

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ILOILO City — Persons with disabilities (PWDs) are now in a position to write news articles and take photographs according to professional journalistic standards after undergoing a three-day training on effective communication held at the Eon Centennial Hotel here.

Twenty-five PWDs and community-based rehabilitation coordinators from the municipalities of Batad, San Dionisio and Concepcion in Iloilo province, and Barbaza and Lau-an in Antique, attended the training on November 24–26.

Handicap International (HI), a nongovernment organization working for the inclusion of PWDs, sponsored the training.

“The training was superb because I have learned to be a good communicator and news writer in the making,” said Hilaria Flores, president of Barbaza Disabled People’s Organization from Barbaza, Antique.

Hazel Villa, a freelance journalist, writing coach and correspondent of the Philippine Daily Inquirer spoke on news writing and photojournalism while Leo Santana from the Commission on Human Rights discussed human rights-based communication.

“This training has given persons with disabilities the ability to effectively communicate not only with their colleagues but also with the general community,” said Jasper Rom, project manager of HI.

On the other hand, HI-Umwad Project technical officers Jonathan Lumogdang and Edward Ello spoke on the concepts and principles of effective communication, identification of common barriers and its practical mechanisms and active listening./PN



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