

## Pag-IBIG Fund housing for NBI employees



*Pag-IBIG Fund President and CEO Atty. Darlene Marie B. Berberabe (third from left) and National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) Director Atty. Virgilio L. Mendez (fourth from left) signed an understanding to cater to NBI employees' housing needs. Joining them are (from left): Pag-IBIG Fund Manager Nanette Gerarda T. Abilay and Senior Vice President Engr. Juanito V. Eje; NBI Assistant Director Atty. Medardo G. de Lemos; NBI Employees Association (NBIEA) President Arch. Domingo LL. Tablizo, Jr., and NBIEA Vice President Rolando M. Alimboyong.*

Pag-IBIG Fund and the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) recently sealed their partnership through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that will assist NBI employees in their housing needs. Pag-IBIG Fund President and CEO Atty. Darlene Marie B. Berberabe, NBI Director Atty. Virgilio L. Mendez, and NBI Employees Association (NBIEA) President Arch. Domingo LL. Tablizo, Jr. led the signing event.

“Atty. Chito Cruz, Chairman of the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC) and Pag-IBIG Chairman of the Board of Trustees, has directed for our proactive coordination with National Government Agencies (NGAs) to bring Pag-IBIG programs and services closer to government employees. Since we launched our Institutional Housing Program in 2013, Pag-IBIG has touched base with various NGAs to offer our housing programs and services. We are now looking into two housing projects in Cavite for NBI employees, one in Bacoor and the other one in Tanza,” Atty. Berberabe said.

Through the MOU, home ownership will be made more accessible to the NBI employees wishing to avail of housing units from the bureau's proposed housing projects. Atty. Berberabe

also mentioned that NBI employees can also be assisted in acquiring their preferred housing unit outside the proposed housing projects or be home-matched if they wish to avail of a house from the inventories of accredited developers.

NBIEA President Arch. Tablizo was grateful that the forged partnership with Pag-IBIG has finally turned into reality. “When I assumed office as the President of NBIEA, I dreamed that someday, NBI would have its own shelter program, particularly for rank and file employees. With high hopes, inspiration, and ultimate goal to help our colleagues in the bureau to provide decent and affordable housing, we met with people and entities that are willing to help us in this endeavor. The rest was history,” he said.

NBI Director Melendez thanked Pag-IBIG Fund for this opportunity, saying, “We are so happy and joyful that in the near future, the employees of NBI will have a house of their own through Pag-IBIG Fund.”

To date, Pag-IBIG Fund has forged partnerships with 11 NGAs nationwide. (End)