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## **GenOSI Spearheads Animal Welfare Efforts in the Philippines**

### ***OSI Partner Company conducts training for meat inspectors***

**Cainta, Rizal, Manila, May 29, 2011** – Targeting to improve animal welfare in the meat production chain in the Philippines, GenOSI showed its leadership last October by assisting the National Meat Inspection Service in that country. The company helped to fast-track the nationwide implementation of Republic Act No. 8485, otherwise known as the Animal Welfare Act of 1998 and Department of Agriculture-Administrative Order No.18 Series of 2008.

GenOSI conducted training on animal welfare standards for the meat inspectors of the National Meat Inspection Service in partnership with the government. Dr. Minda S. Manantan, NMIS Deputy Executive Director and Dr. Clarita Sangcal, Head, Plant Operation Inspection Division, and a number of Food Animal Welfare Officers attended the training held in October, 2010. The main topics discussed were:

- Animal Welfare Laws and Regulations Overview
- GenOSI's Involvement and Trainings
- Core Criteria for Poultry Welfare Audit (Hatchery, Poultry Grow-out Farm, Slaughter Plant)
- Minimum Standards for Global Animal Welfare: Cattle, Pork & Poultry
- Animal Welfare Checklists
- Animal Welfare Defects and Best Practices

Following the in-class training, animal welfare audits were conducted in two locations in the Philippines: The San Miguel Food Poultry Processing factory located in Bataan; and the Rublou Hog Slaughterhouse, located in Muntinlupa City. During the audits, meat inspectors were tasked to spot the different animal welfare defects (e.g., bruised thighs/drums, broken wings, stunning efficacy, etc.). Samples with defects were collected and noted defects were discussed. Pictures of defects were also taken for inclusion in an animal welfare defect reference guide to be added to the library for future trainings.

This effort resulted in 30 Food Animal Welfare Officers being trained. Animal welfare audits will now be included in future accreditation of poultry and hog slaughterhouses in compliance with Republic Act 8485.

The National Meat Inspection Service has requested that GenOSI conduct further trainings for Visayas and Mindanao Food Animal Welfare Officers.

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Lecture on Animal Welfare Standards prior to onsite slaughterhouse audits



Assessment of pens for any sign of animal welfare abuse



Group pictures following the hog and poultry slaughterhouse audits



Plaque of Appreciation given by the National Meat Inspection Service to Elizabeth L. Lim, GenOSI's Plant Manager

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