

## **MAJOR AGENDA AND CHALLENGES OF YOUTH WORKERS TO CANDIDATES ON THE 2016 NATIONAL ELECTIONS**

1. Prohibit contractualization and other similar schemes of employment. Criminalize those who would continue to use contract labor.
2. Advance significant wage hikes, mainly the attainment of a national minimum wage to ensure humane living for all workers.
3. Promote the right and freedom of workers to unionize, organize, hold strike and other rights at work. Recognize workers and union as partners and essential forces in society's development.
4. Advance a humane and safe working conditions for all workers.
5. End the employment of child laborers.
6. Create sufficient jobs in the country for all citizens.
7. Ensure the enforcement of maternity benefits for all women workers.
8. Scrap all exorbitant taxes and fees collected by the government from all workers in the country and overseas Filipino workers.
9. Advance the interest, safety and protection of migrant Filipino workers.
10. Remove all forms of discrimination in remuneration, gender, position, opportunity and conditions at work.
11. Promote basic services like education, health, housing among others and ensure social protection for all.
12. Advance a nationalist, mass-oriented and scientific education.
13. Adopt and implement a genuine agrarian reform program and national industrialization to ensure creation of decent jobs at home.

This agenda is being ratified today, 27th of February 2016 on the occasion of Youth Workers Speak Out, Youth Festival at the Polytechnic University of the Philippines, Laboratory High School, Sta. Mesa Manila.