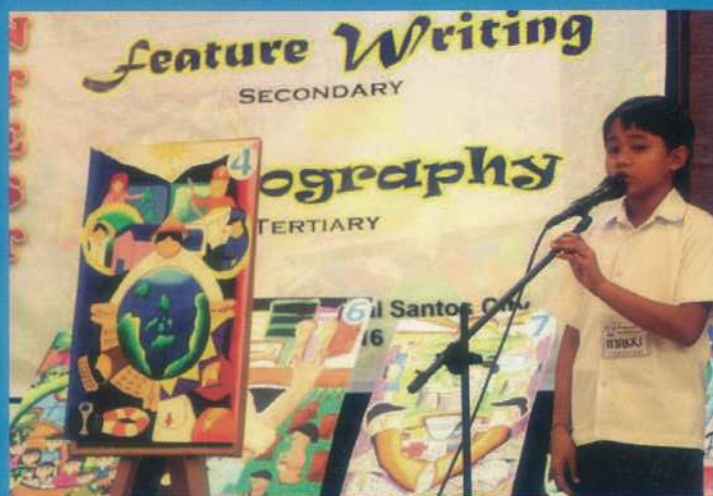


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## Editor's Note

This year's theme for the observance of July as the National Disaster Consciousness Month is "**Kahandaan at Pagtugon sa Sakuna, Tungkulin ng Bawat Isa**". This is a call for wider people's involvement in minimizing vulnerabilities and minimizing threats of hazards. This call reflects the whole-of-society approach espoused by the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council and the Office of Civil Defense, in building safer, adaptive and resilient Filipino communities.

The launching of the observance also coincided with the turnover of leadership as President Rodrigo Roa Duterte took the helm of the national government. The new Chief Executive appointed Undersecretary Ricardo B Jalad as NDRRMC Executive Director and OCD Administrator, who upon assumption of office, immediately took the task of leading the Pre-Disaster Risk Assessment meetings and in preparing for Typhoon Butchoy and succeeding tropical cyclones including TY Ferdie which devastated the Province of Batanes.

As OCD welcomes Usec Jalad, the agency remains steadfast in leading the country's civil defense and disaster risk reduction and management programs, ensure that people's lives and livelihood are protected, and that the gains of a resilient economy are sustained and shared by everyone. Usec Jalad shall continue to pave the way towards making OCD the center for excellence in civil defense and disaster risk reduction and management.

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# NDRRMC Leads Observance of National Disaster Consciousness Month 2016

by Karla Minorka M Aldea

"Kahandaan at Pagtugon sa Sakuna, Tungkulin ng Bawat Isa". This year's theme for the observance of the National Disaster Consciousness Month (NDCM) highlighted the core intention of making the people own Disaster Risk Reduction and Management as a personal responsibility that surviving, outlasting the ravages of any hazard and making communities resilient is a duty of every Filipino.

Executive Order 137 s. 1999 declares the month of July of every year as NDCM which aims to increase the awareness of each Filipino on natural and human-induced disasters for a better appreciation of the government's

disaster preparedness programs. This year, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) through the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) conducted various activities with the general aim to raise awareness on disaster risk reduction and management and promote a culture of resilience in the country.

The NDCM 2016 theme was a result of an OCD-wide theme writing competition. Over 39 theme entries were screened and adjudicated by the NDRRMC Technical Working Group for Information Education and Communication (IEC). The winning theme was submitted by Mr Marlone C Viardo from OCD

Operations Division. He received a certificate and cash prize.

OCD launched the observance of NDCM on 1 July 2016 at the OCD Lobby, Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City. Simultaneous with welcoming its new leadership, a Eucharistic celebration and Press Conference was held. This kick-off ceremony signaled the conduct of month-long activities among OCD Regional Offices as well as all NDRRMC member-agencies. Various sectors shared their observance of NDCM through social media using the #ResiliencePH.

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(From left) NDRRMC Executive Director and OCD Administrator Usec Ricardo B Jalad, DSWD OIC-Usec Hope V Hervilla, NDRRMC Vice Chairperson for Response and DSWD Secretary Judy M Taguiwalo, DND Undersecretary for Civilian, Veterans and Retiree Affairs Eduardo D del Rosario, DSWD Usec Vilma B Cabrera, and LTGEN Glorioso V Miranda AFP, pose with awardees of the OCD-Wide Theme Writing Contest and the 1st Resilience Mobile Photography Contest during the Closing Ceremony of the National Disaster Consciousness Month on 29 July 2016 at the Tejeros Hall of AFP Commissioned Officers' Club, Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City.



Most OCD Regional Offices started their observance with a press conference for the local media in their respective regions. Some offices organized a motorcade and distributed IEC materials to promote and raise awareness among local communities on DRR.

## Mobile Photography Contest

In pursuit to strengthen awareness among young people on disaster resilience, OCD Public Affairs spearheaded the first Resilience Mobile Photography Contest.

This contest was opened to all Filipino students aged 16 years old and above and currently enrolled in high school or college during the contest period from 01 to 20 July 2016. All photo entries were required to be taken using mobile phones only and the submission of entries was done online through [www.ocd.gov.ph](http://www.ocd.gov.ph).

The theme of the photo contest revolved on resilience. Participants were asked to submit their photos carrying the message of their own interpretation of resilience in the country.

Over 240,000 worth of cash prizes were given away which included a Most Popular Photo Award determined by the most number of Facebook likes in the Civil Defense PH page. More than 100 entries were screened and 12 photos were shortlisted. These were exhibited during the culmination of the NDCM where the final adjudication of the photos happened.

The winning photo was taken by John Jarel C Batalla from Cesar E. Vergara Memorial High School. His photo was entitled Sandata on Sakuna which illustrates a young boy doing the duck, cover and hold while holding a whistle and a



*NDRRMC Vice Chairperson for Response and Social Welfare and Development Secretary Judy Taguiwalo picks the winning photo from the shortlisted entries of the 1st Resilience Mobile Photography Contest exhibited during the Closing Ceremony of the National Disaster Consciousness Month on 29 July 2016, at the AFP Commissioned Officers' Club in Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City.*

rosary. Batalla won a plaque and Php 60,000.00 worth of cash prize. The second, third, fourth and fifth place received Php50,000.00, Php 40,000.00, Php30,000.00 and Php20,000.00 respectively. Five participants were also awarded with a consolation prize of Php 10,000.00 each.

The most popular photo was awarded to Airish Noreen A Ledda of Tomas Claudio Colleges with a photo entitled Lifeboat on a Budget.

## Culmination Event

NDRRMC Vice Chairperson for Response and Social Welfare Secretary Judy M Taguiwalo represented the NDRRMC Chairperson and National Defense Secretary Delfin N Lorenzana during the culmination of NDCM on 29 July 2016 at the AFP Commissioned Officers' Club, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City. On the spot, she led the final judging of photos for the 1st Resilience Mobile Photography Contest together with NDRRMC Executive Director and Civil Defense

Administrator Undersecretary  
Ricardo B Jalad.

Participating students were invited to the awarding ceremonies. Awardees for the OCD-wide Theme Writing Contest were also handed with their Certificates of Recognition. Secretary Judy Taguiwalo emphasized on her message the significant role of every Filipino in promoting resilience.

"Disaster risk reduction and disaster preparedness are, first and foremost, personal responsibilities of citizens, that the survival of Filipino communities and Filipino families and the surmounting of the challenges and desolation brought by any hazard and disaster are duties of every Filipino. Therefore, I urge all our citizens to get involved in your local DRRM activities and heed the timely and appropriate warnings of government in times of emergency. Your participation, support and cooperation are the actions that would spell your doom or survival when disasters strike." said Secretary Taguiwalo.



# Usec Ricardo B Jalad: A Closer Look

by Mark Cashean E Timbal

**“I want OCD to be a center of excellence in disaster risk reduction and management.”**

So says the new Civil Defense Administrator (CDA) and Executive Director of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC), Undersecretary Ricardo B Jalad.

Usec Jalad is a true born Bol-anon, born in Alburquerque, Bohol and a member of Philippine Military Academy Matikas Class of 1983. A former general of the Philippine Army, he had served as Acting Commander and Assistant Division Commander of the 5th Infantry Division in Gamu, Isabela and as Brigade Commander of the 2nd Mechanized Infantry Brigade in Iligan City, among other important posts, prior to his retirement on January 28, 2015.

Usec Jalad understands his crucial role in the Philippine DRRM System in ensuring that the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) orchestrates disaster management activities with utmost commitment in order to deliver what is best for the country and the people. This has been the battle cry of the OCD for the longest time and he means to realize it by overcoming the challenge of getting the buy-in and cooperation of all stakeholders as well as achieving optimum inter-agency cooperation on disaster risk reduction. He deems these as critical elements that would lead to the attainment of resilience in the face of disasters.

He previously observed the work of the former civil defense administrators and knew the gravity of the responsibility. He was initially hesitant in accepting the NDRRMC-

OCD post, knowing the many challenges attendant to the job, but said that it was of course an honor to continue serving the Filipino people, so he accepted President Rodrigo Duterte's invitation and was sworn in as OCD's 12th CDA on 1 July 2016.

Even before his appointment as CDA, he's been involved in a number of disaster operations while he was still active in the military service. He was one of the main figures in the post disaster operations in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Sendong which ravaged Iligan City in December 2011.

He considers himself as a leader who leads by example; that for his subordinates to exhibit positive behaviors at work, he should be the model of those behaviors first. He sees himself not as a micro-manager but a leader who sees the whole picture and appreciates the contribution of each individual member of the workforce in the grand scheme of things in DRRM. He cites his fondness of going straight to the frontlines, to where the action is, to get firsthand information that would serve as the basis of decisions as well as to show support for his subordinate leaders and staff.

Usec Jalad believes that to achieve the goal of excellence a culture of excellence must be nurtured. He holds that the implementation of the national DRRM program should be measured using the highest standards so that we can make Filipino DRRM more responsive to the needs of the Filipino people. He plans to accomplish the full operationalization of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Training Institute,



the strengthening of the mitigation and disaster preparedness efforts, the further systematization of the prepositioning of needed items in view of the various hazards, quicker response and the enhancement of the recovery and rehabilitation strategies and efforts.

When asked about how he intends to deal with the challenges that he expects to encounter in his post, he said that he is certain that they can all be overcome through the support of the men and women of OCD as well as the leadership in the Department of National Defense. He also said that harnessing the support and the potential of DRRM advocates in the private sector would further the effectiveness of the national DRRM effort.

Soft-spoken and with a calm demeanor, Usec Jalad is eager to learn more of the intricacies of the work of a CDA and is enthusiastic at the prospect of making a difference as a public servant whose business is to save the lives of Filipinos against the threat of hazards and disasters.



# NDRRMC Enhances National Disaster Response Plan

by Mary Ann Sarah Ulat

The National Disaster Response Plan (NDRP) can be considered as the country's blueprint in disaster response. The first edition of the NDRP for Hydrometeorological Hazards was approved and signed by the Secretary of National Defense/ Chairperson, NDRRMC on 20 October 2014, same time the initial draft of the NDRP for Earthquake and Tsunami was crafted.

In the span of two years, there were a lot of experiences that the Philippines acquired in the area of DRRM which affected the dynamics of the DRRM actors and the environment where they operate. The lessons learned (both theoretical and practical) through the past years since the inception of the NDRPs are deemed important which can be the vital component of a more effective and efficient response plan.

On 12 - 16 September 2016, the Operations Division, OCD Central Office organized and facilitated the NDRP Enhancement for Hydromet

and Finalization of NDRP for Earthquake and Tsunami Workshop, held at One Tagaytay Place Hotel Suite, Tagaytay City, Cavite. Undersecretary Ricardo B. Jalad, Executive Director of the NDRRMC and Administrator of OCD graced the activity in the opening ceremony. Present were the representatives of the NDRRMC member agencies, technical specialists, resource persons and the OCD Regional Directors/ Chairpersons, RDRRMC.

During the days of the workshop, the group was able to achieve the following, among others: discuss the strategic nature of the NDRP, clarification of Oplan Metro Yakal, define complementation of the Response Clusters & the Incident Management Team, conceptualize the Emergency Response-Preparedness, define the alert triggers and response levels, and discuss agency and cluster interoperability.

A table-top exercise was also conducted wherein a scenario during response operations

concerning a hydrometeorological hazard was enacted. Each lead cluster acted based on their defined roles during actual operations, the roles of the Executive Director, NDRRMC and Vice Chairperson for Response were also designated, while the OCD Regional Directors observed the dynamics of the National Response Cluster in an event of a typhoon which requires national action. The whole activity was documented, comments of the subject matter experts were noted and were discussed right after. The hotwash served as an evaluation and platform to elicit ideas and suggestions which can be integrated in the enhanced NDRPs.

On the last day, Usec Vilma B. Cabrera of the Operations and Programs Group – Protective Programs, Department of Social Welfare and Development led the closing ceremony, where the turnover of deliverables took place.

The target date for the NDRPs' completion and approval is before the end of 2016.



*NDRRMC Executive Director and Civil Defense Administrator Ricardo B. Jalad poses with facilitators and participants of the National Disaster Response Plan (NDRP) Workshop held in Tagaytay City on 12 - 16 September 2016.*



# OCD Celebrates 62 Years of Service to the Nation

by Roberto Manalo

"It gives me great pleasure to recognize one of the notable bureaus of the Department of National Defense (DND), known for its invaluable contributions in the effort to safeguard the lives and welfare of the Filipino people against various threats and risks which abound in these islands we call home."

With these words, DND Secretary Delfin N Lorenzana revered the Office of Civil Defense as Guest of Honor and Keynote Speaker during the celebration of 62nd founding anniversary of the Office of Civil Defense on 16 September 2016, at at The Pavilion in Daza Park, Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City.



*NDRRMC Chairperson and National Defense Secretary Delfin N Lorenzana, accompanied by NDRRMC Executive Director and Civil Defense Administrator Undersecretary Ricardo B Jalad, views the photo exhibit held in line with the celebration of OCD 62nd founding anniversary. The OCD was founded as the National Civil Defense Administration on 18 August 1954.*

In his message, Secretary Lorenzana challenged the officials and staff to revolutionize the role of the agency in catering to the welfare

and defense of the nation, and carry the responsibility of keeping the institution's ideals alive through meritorious efforts and undertakings.

The National Civil Defense Administration (NCDA) was first founded with the enactment of the Civil Defense Act of 1954. In 1972, Letter of Implementation No. 19 abolished NCDA and transferred its functions and personnel to a new agency, the Office of Civil Defense.

In his welcome message, Civil Defense Administrator Undersecretary Ricardo B. Jalad encouraged the officials and staff to be better public servants and to adhere to the core values of Commitment, Integrity, Teamwork, Excellence, Professionalism, Accountability and People-Centeredness.

The event was also graced by newly appointed Deputy Administrators Kristoffer James E. Purisima and Rodolfo Demosthenes C. Santillan, Regional Directors, and officers and staff of OCD.



*NDRRMC Chairperson and National Defense Secretary Delfin N Lorenzana addresses the OCD Officials and Staff present during the anniversary celebration of the agency.*



# NDRRMC Reports Zero Fatalities During Onslaught of TY FERDIE

by Noel H Mapalo

The Philippines achieved zero fatalities despite the massive destruction left by Typhoon Ferdie (Int'l. Name: Meranti), specifically in Batanes. Packing maximum winds of 220 kph and gustiness of up to 255 kph, Ferdie made a landfall over Itbayat on 14 September 2016 at 12:15 AM.

The typhoon totally damaged four hundred seven (407) houses and partially damaged 4,834. Sixty (60%) percent damage in the power sector was reported, rendering communities with no electricity for days. Despite these damages, no fatalities were reported or recorded because of the typhoon.

Prior to the onslaught of Ferdie, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) conducted Pre-Disaster Risk Assessment (PDRA) meetings to ensure the country's preparedness.

The PDRA enabled NDRRMC to



OCD Regional Office II and members of the Regional DRRM Council tune in to the Pre-Disaster Risk Assessment (PDRA) Meeting at the national level on 13 September 2016, to ensure better coordination of preparedness actions and readiness of government to respond to Typhoon Ferdie.

evaluate Ferdie's characteristics and its possible impacts to the populace, and determine the appropriate level of response and corresponding actions of concerned agencies and local government units. The meetings were presided by NDRRMC Executive Director and Civil Defense Administrator Ricardo B Jalad, with representatives from

different agencies involved in hazard monitoring and warning, and disaster prevention, mitigation, preparedness and response actions.

The tropical cyclone also affected Ilocos Norte and Cagayan provinces, wherein people were also evacuated from their homes to safer areas.



NDRRMC Executive Director and Civil Defense Administrator Usec Ricardo B Jalad accepts "The Care Package" from Aboitiz Executive Vice President and COO Augusto "Sonny" Carpio III of Aboitiz Government Relations. The relief items were sent to the victims of TY Ferdie in Batanes.



Pure Force and Rescue Group Chief Executive Officer Jomerito Soliman demonstrates to NDRRMC Executive Director and Civil Defense Administrator Usec Ricardo B Jalad the use of a solar-powered portable water filtration equipment lent to aid victims of TY FERDIE in Batanes.

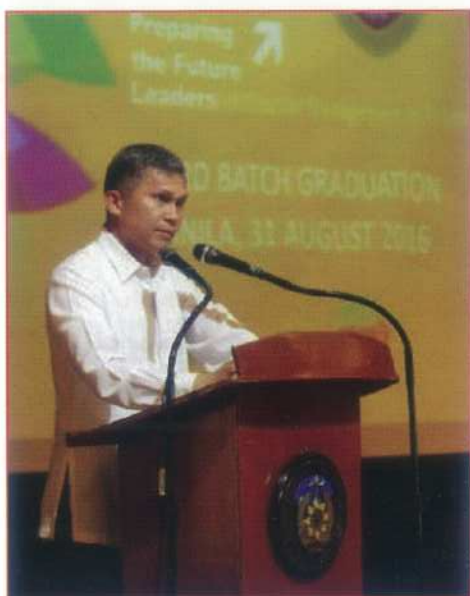


# OCD co-hosts ASEAN Disaster Management Professionals' Graduation

by Mark Cashean E Timbal

Disaster management professionals trained by the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre) through its Executive (ACE) Programme join in the graduation ceremonies on 31 August 2016 at the AFP Commissioned Officers' Club, Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City.

Office of Civil Defense (OCD) co-hosted the event together with the AHA Centre organizing team during the Philippine Leg of the ACE Programme's course activities which included a leaders' talk in the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Operations Center (NDRRMOC) and participation in the ASEAN ERAT exercises in Subic, Zambales. The graduation ceremonies was graced by NDRRMOC Executive Director and Civil Defense Administrator Usec Ricardo B Jalad, AHA Centre Executive Director Said Faisal,



*Usec Ricardo Jalad welcomes AHA Centre officials and graduates of the ACE Programme for 2016.*



*Philippines' delegates and OCD's pride Ms Mary Grace Somido and Mr Mark July Yap join the 2016 batch of AHA Centre Executive (ACE) Programme graduates.*

Indonesia National Disaster Authority Chief Inspector Bintang Susmanto Noortjahjo, representing the chair of the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM) as well as the heads and representatives of the ASEAN diplomatic missions in Manila.

The Ace Programme is a 6-month training course which aims to provide on-the-job training for disaster management professionals from national disaster management agencies (NDMOs) of ASEAN member-states. Included in the comprehensive courses of the program are special activities that facilitate the building of technical knowledge, master of procedures for coordinated and timely response and the planning and management of logistics for emergency response.

"The successful completion of the third batch of the ACE Programme is realized due to the joint and

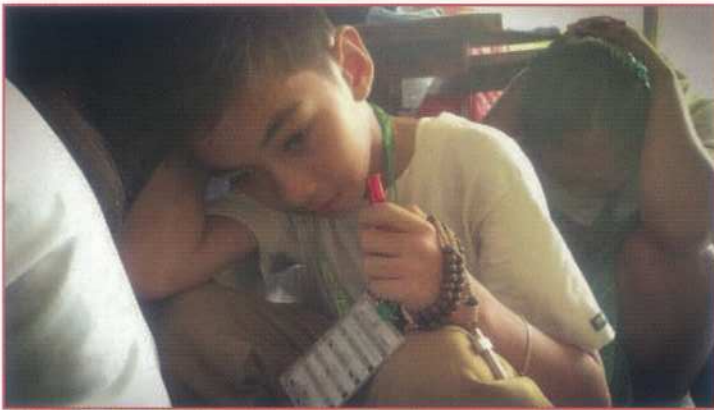
collaborative efforts of our partners and stakeholders," said AHA Centre Executive Director Faisal.

Usec Ricardo Jalad said that "it is our privilege to be part of this very significant activity of the AHA Centre: The ACE Programme Graduation." He encouraged the ACE programme graduates to "let your ACE training be the element that will toughen your resolve to not only become excellent disaster management professionals but become more compassionate brethren to the nations who may have fallen into difficult times brought about by hazards and disasters."

ACE Programme Batch 2016 is composed of 16 disaster management professionals, with two (2) hailing from each of the eight (8) ASEAN member-states namely: Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam.



# The Office of Civil **RESILIENCE** Mobile Photography



**1st PLACE: SANDATA ON SAKUNA**  
John Jarel C. Batalla  
Cesar E. Vergara Memorial High School



**5th PLACE: ARE YOU READY?**  
Paul Isaiah S. Advincula  
St. Louis University



**Consolation: LIFE OF ENDURANCE**  
Princess A. Dela Cruz  
Colegio de Dagupan



**3rd PLACE: GIRL POWER**  
James B. Dadea  
San Andres Vocational School



**Consolation: TO THE RESCUE**  
Jona May S. Arnaiz  
San Andres Vocational School



**Consolation: I AM READY**  
Marc Laurio B. Gabrielle  
De La Salle - College of Saint Benilde



# il Defense' First SCIENCE graphy Contest



**4th PLACE/Most Popular: LIFEBOAT ON A BUDGET**  
Airish Noreen A. Ledda  
Tomas Claudio Colleges



**Consolation: SAFETY FIRST**  
Joal C. Cocjin  
San Andres Vocational School



**Consolation: CALL OF DUTY**  
Edren M. Llanillo  
Colegio de Dagupan



**2nd PLACE: PAGBANGON**  
Aura Jyny T. Villena  
Colegio de Dagupan



**Consolation: HOTLINE TO SAFETY**  
Antonio De Guzman  
Jugan National High School



**Consolation: MENTORING FOR RESILIENCE**  
Karl Jon D. Pagada  
Benguet State University



# CIVIL DEFENSE ACROSS THE NATION



## OCD I Spearheads Mangrove Planting

OCD I Regional Director Melchito M Castro, DOST Assistant Regional Director Dr Paulina Neberida and Provincial DRRM Officer of La Union Bobby Valdriz, lead a Mangrove Planting Activity in Barangay Catbangan, San Fernando City, La Union on 01 July 2016. Three hundred mangroves were planted by the members of Regional DRRM Council I and other stakeholders as a kick off activity for the National Disaster Consciousness Month 2016. *(Mike Aldrin T Sabado)*



## OCD I Facilitates Community-based DRRM Training of Trainers

Participants of the Community-based DRRM Training of Trainers join in the formulation of base-map, hazard map, evacuation route and plan and Venn diagram as part of the module on Community Risk Assessment. OCD I conducted the training on 14 September 2016 at OverMar Resort Hotel, Vigan, Ilocos Sur. It was facilitated by Ms Imelda Manuel Acosta, Chief of the Regional DRRM Division. *(Mike Aldrin T Sabado)*



## OCD II Leads Gawad KALASAG Field Validation

OCD II Regional Director Norma C Talosig leads the Gawad KALASAG 2016 Regional Field Validation for the Province of Isabela, Provincial DRRM Council Isabela, Early Learning Center and DART 831 on 18 August 2016. Director Talosig was accompanied by Ms Elsbeth Maralli of DILG Region 2, Mr Rommel Gamiao of DSWD Field Office 2 and Ms Gene Baquiran of PIA Region 2. *(Francis Joseph M Reyes)*



## OCD III Spearheads Contingency Planning Formulation Workshop

OCD III Regional Director Josefina T Timoteo delivers her message during the opening program of the Contingency Planning Formulation Workshop for the Province of Aurora at Amco Beach Resort, Baler, Aurora on 06-08 July 2016. At least 40 participants from the Provincial DRRM Council and other DRRM stakeholders attended the training. *(Diane Henie Del Rosario)*



# CIVIL DEFENSE ACROSS THE NATION

## **OCD III Conducts Integrated Planning Course on ICS**

Participants of the Integrated Planning Course on Incident Command System join in a group photo with OCD III Regional Director Josefina T Timoteo. OCD III facilitated the training for the Municipal DRRM Council of Pilar, Bataan on 18-22 July 2016 at Mansion Garden Hotel, Subic Bay Freeport Zone. A total of 41 participants from the Municipal DRRM Council of Pilar completed the training. *(Diane Henie Del Rosario)*



## **OCD CALABARZON Orients Media Practitioners on DRRM and CCA**

CALABARZON Media Practitioners and Subject Matter Experts from OCD, DSWD, NEDA, PAGASA and Rappler join in a group photo during the orientation on Disaster Risk Reduction and Management and Climate Change Adaptation (DRRM-CCA) on 29 July 2016 at Monte Vista Hot Springs Resort and Conference Center. Around 40 members of print, radio, TV and web mass media participated in the training. *(Georgina R Garcia)*



## **OCD CALABARZON Holds Static IEC Display and Disaster Equipment Exhibit**

OCD CALABARZON Regional Director Vicente F Tomazar explains the disaster supplies and equipment exhibited during the Static IEC Display and Disaster Supplies, Equipment and Vehicle Exhibit at the Ynares Center Complex Grounds, Anitipolo City on 21 July 2016. OCD CALABARZON facilitated the exhibit in collaboration with the Provincial DRRM Office of Rizal. *(Georgina R Garcia)*



## **OCD MIMAROPA Spearheads Tsunami Evacuation Drill**

Residents of Sitio Sabang, Brgy Cabayugan, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan perform the duck, cover and hold as part of the tsunami evacuation drill held on 24 July 2016. OCD MIMAROPA in cooperation with the City DRRM Council of Puerto Princesa conducted the drill participated by 300 residents and local emergency responders. *(Mary An Aceveda)*





# CIVIL DEFENSE ACROSS THE NATION



## OCD V Conducts ICT Bayanihan Telecomm Summit

OCD V Regional Director Bernardo R Alejandro IV delivers his message during the Information Communication Technology (ICT) Bayanihan Telecommunications Summit on 19 August 2016 at Hotel St Ellis, Legazpi City. The Bayanihan Workshop is attended by key players from Regional Government Agencies, LGUs, NGOs, civilian groups, private sector and experts in ICT. *(Rachelle Anne L Miranda)*



## OCD V Facilitates Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Response Symposium

Head of US Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Response (HA/DR) LTC Andrew Rice summarizes first day of HA/DR Symposium on 05-06 July 2016 at the Disaster Coordinating Center, Bogtong, Legazpi City. The activity aims to enhance the awareness of LGUs, DRRM practitioners, National Government Agencies and other stakeholders on the national and international level of disaster relief. *(Rachelle Anne L Miranda)*



## OCD VI Joins Disaster Preparedness and Response IEC Caravan

OCD VI personnel distributes disaster information materials to Regional and Local DRRM Council members during the Information, Education and Communication (IEC) Caravan held in Concepcion, Iloilo on 12 July 2016. The activity was in observance of the NDCM 2016. A La Niña Info Drive was also held simultaneous with the IEC Caravan attended by students, barangay officials and response groups. *(Cherry Mae D Naranjo)*



## OCD VII holds Metrowide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill

Personnel of Cebu Provincial Capitol do the duck cover and hold during the Metrowide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill dubbed as "Shake, Rattle and Role" on 22 July 2016. The drill took place in two pilot areas, the Department of Health Compound and Cebu Provincial Capitol with the aim to capacitate communities on disaster preparedness in the event of earthquake hazards. *(Tashuana Alemania)*



# CIVIL DEFENSE ACROSS THE NATION

## OCD VIII spearheads Water Search and Rescue Training

Participants use a rubber boat to simulate a search and rescue scenario during the Water Search and Rescue (WASAR) Training held in Tierra De Milagros, Palo, Leyte on 11-15 July 2016. OCD VIII in coordination with PCG District Eastern Visayas conducted the training which was completed by 34 uniformed personnel from the Philippine Air Force, Philippine Navy, PNP, BFP, BJMP, NBI and BFAR. *(Rey Ezekiel P Barbasa)*



## OCD VIII conducts Regional Rescue Jamboree

Rescuers perform a high angle rescue scenario during the Regional Rescue Jamboree at Provincial Sports Complex, Naval, Biliran on 20-23 July 2016. OCD VIII in collaboration with the Province of Biliran and Municipality of Naval conducted the activity joined by various disaster response teams in the Province. The annual activity aims to capacitate the Disaster Response Teams in the Region especially during Search, Rescue and Retrieval Operations. *(Rey M Gozon)*



## OCD IX holds Essay Writing and Poster Making Contest

OCD IX Regional Director Emilia V Julhajan awards a trophy and certificate of recognition to Jayson Fernandez for winning the first place in essay writing contest during the Province wide Essay and Poster Making Contest on 28 July 2016 at Poblacion, Ipil, Zamboanga Sibugay. The activity was participated by teachers, coaches and students from various schools and divisions in the Province. *(Girly S Gamier)*



## OCD XI conducts Region-wide Simulation Exercise and Skills Competition

Disaster Response Teams and volunteers from Davao del Norte, Davao del Sur and Compostela Valley join the Region-wide Simulation Exercise and Skills Competition on 22 July 2016 at Crocodile Park and Sta Ana Wharf, Davao City. OCD XI and Davao Region Incident Management Team managed the activity which involved four skills category namely; Water Search and Rescue, Vehicular Accident, Basic Life Support and Fire Fighting. *(Mc Adrian Cobero)*





# CIVIL DEFENSE ACROSS THE NATION



## OCD XI holds Coastal Clean Up and Mangrove Planting

Personnel from various agencies in Region XI join the Coastal Clean Up and Mangrove Planting at Bucana, Brgy Lasang, Davao City on 15 July 2016. OCD XI in partnership with DENX XI, PENRO Davao del Sur, CENRO Davao City and PCG conducted the training which aims to restore and rehabilitate identified denuded coastal areas in the city. *(Mc Adrian Cobero)*



## OCD XII spearheads Draw and Tell Competition

Student Dane Mark F Gallego from Matalam Central Elementary School explains his drawing during the Draw and Tell Competition held on 15 July 2016 at the Sun City Suites, General Santos City. OCD XII in coordination with DepEd XII and CHED organized the activity. The categories include draw and tell for elementary pupils, feature writing for secondary students and photography contest for college students in the Region. *(Jorie Mae Balmediano)*



## OCD ARMM holds Geographic Information System Training

Enlisted personnel of the 6th Civil Military Operations (CMO) Battalion under the 6th ID, Philippine Army engage in a field exercise during the Geographic Information System (GIS) Training at the 6th CMO Battalion Camp, Cotabato City on 08-10 September 2016. OCD ARMM facilitated the conduct of the course which aims to orient the participants about the GIS and demonstrate its features. *(Gilmhar A Lao)*



## OCD ARMM facilitates Poster Making Contest

Poster Making Contest 1st place, Hannah Clarissa Vontolan from Parang, Maguindanao pose with the panelists during the Poster Making Contest on 30 July 2016 at Hotel Almasser, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao. Over 40 participants from Maguindanao joined the contest which was opened to students from 10-15 years old. The criteria of the competition included, relevance to the theme, originality and impact. *(Gilmhar A Lao)*



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## **OCD CARAGA formulates Regional DRRM Plan on Armed Conflict**

Regional DRRM Council members, Provincial DRRM Officers and OCD Caraga personnel join in a group photo during the formulation of Caraga's Regional Contingency Plan on Armed Conflict held at Almont Inland Resort, Butuan City on 17-19 August 2016. The activity was participated in by selected Regional DRRM Council Members and other stakeholders in the region whose mandates are related to human-induced incidents and situations. *(April Rose Anne Y Sanchez)*



## **OCD CAR launches Cordillera K9 SAR Team**

Canine dogs showcase its Search and Rescue skills on 01 July 2016 at Irisan, Baguio City. Seventeen K9 dogs exhibited their skills on search and rescue such as landslides and rubble and wilderness search. The K9 SAR Team was formed through the efforts of OCD CAR, Philippine Military Academy, Baguio City Police Office, PNP Cordillera and local civilian dog enthusiasts. *(Franzes Ivy Carasi)*



## **OCD NIR leads Regional Convergence of LDRRMOs and Practitioners**

Civil Defense Deputy Administrator for Administration Asec Kristoffer James E Purisima receives a token of appreciation from OCD NIR Regional Director Blanche Gobenciong and Negros Oriental Governor Roel Degamo, as the guest of honor and speaker in the 1st Regional Convergence of Local DRRM Officers and Practitioners on 27-29 September at Negros Oriental Provincial Convention Center. *(Olive Marie G Baylon)*



## **OCD NCR conducts Youth Forum on DRR**

High school students pose with their information kits in the Youth Forum on DRR held on 20 July 2016 at the People's Hall-Quezon Memorial Circle, Quezon City. Around 300 hundred students joined the youth forum held in observance of NDCM 2016. The activity aims to increase awareness among the children and youth about the different hazards and how to prepare for them. *(Monalisa Fajardo)*





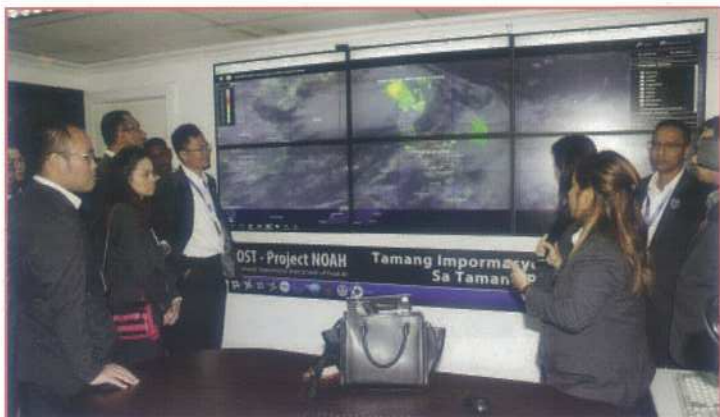
# CENTRAL OFFICE EVENTS



*Usec Ricardo B Jalad presides the Pre-Disaster Risk Assessment for the combined effects of Typhoon Butchoy and Southwest Monsoon on 8 July 2016.*



*National Defense Secretary Delfin N Lorenzana presides the first Council Meeting under his term as NDRRMC Chairperson on 19 July 2016.*



*Students under the AHA Centre Executive (ACE) Programme listen to the Orientation on the NDRRM Operations Center on 15 August 2016.*



*NDRRMC Executive Director and OCD Administrator Usec Ricardo B Jalad answers a question during a television interview on 24 August 2016.*



*DND Sec Delfin M Lorenzana honors Dir. Norma C Talosig with the CSC Exemplary Supervisor Awards on 26 September 2016.*



*Usec Ricardo B Jalad keynotes the OCD symposium during the Asian Defense, Security & Crisis Management Exhibition and Conference on 30 September 2016.*

*Photos by Fred Abuda Jr  
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# Awareness and Preparedness on VOLCANIC ERUPTION

The Philippines sits on a unique tectonic setting ideal to volcano formation. The archipelago is surrounded by subducting plates as manifested by the trenches that are related to volcano formation (PHIVOLCS).

A volcanic eruption occurs when molten rock, ash and steam pour through a vent in the earth's crust.

Volcanoes are described as active (in eruption), dormant (not erupting at the present time), or extinct (having ceased eruption; no longer active). Some volcanoes explode. Others are slow-flowing fountains of lava, which is hot fluid rock.

Preparedness Tips to avoid the dangerous effects of volcanic eruption:

- Follow the evacuation rules and regulations issued by the authorities and evacuate immediately.
- Prepare your Emergency Go Bags containing ready-to-eat food, bottled water, first aid kit, flashlight, emergency hotline

numbers, goggles, face mask, cash and other things needed by the family.

- Close the windows and doors of the house and vehicles.

During the eruption, BE ALERT!

- Cover your nose with gas mask or wet towel.
- Wear your goggles to protect your eyes from ash.
- During and after the eruption, avoid crossing rivers to avoid the flowing lahar, hot fluid rocks and sand.

After the Eruption:

- Wait for the GO signal of the authorities to safely return to your respective homes

Although a volcanic eruption cannot be prevented, the impact of this can be mitigated through the unity and cooperation of the community, preparedness, timely warning, and effective response. (Bebeth Gador. Source: Project DINA Video)



Sorsogon's Bulusan Volcano phreatic explosion. Photo by Drew Zuniga.

For more information and tips on preparing for hazards and disasters, download and watch the Project DINA Videos



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