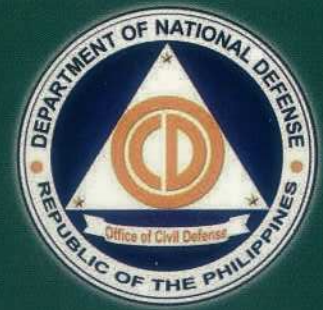


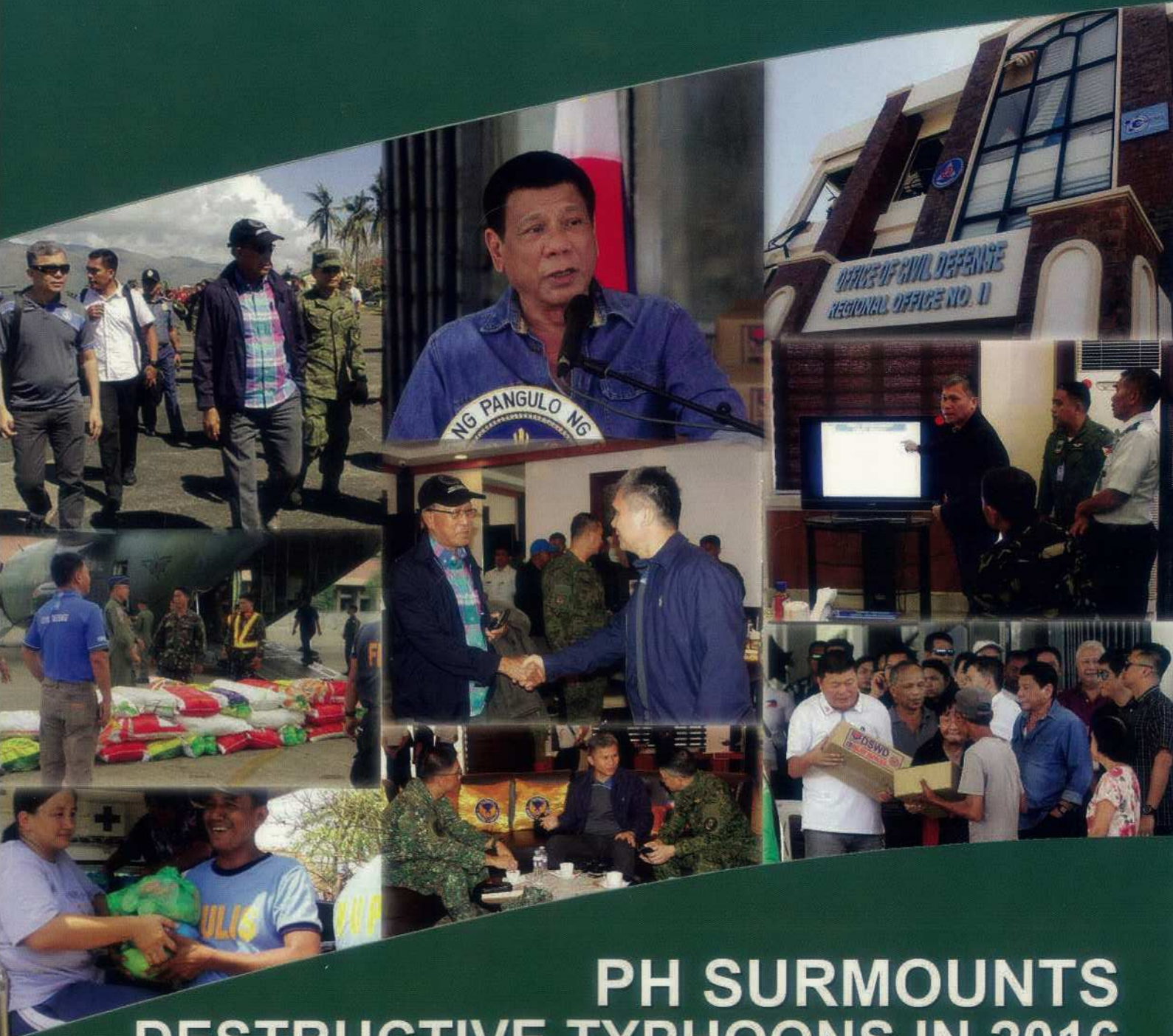
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Editor's Note

As the year draws to end, the Philippines was battered by two strong typhoons which wreck havoc in its path. Super Typhoon Lawin in October affected the northern provinces of Luzon while Typhoon Nina in December battered the southern part of the island.

The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council and the Office of Civil Defense took the lead in preparing for the said typhoons, convening Pre-Disaster Risk Assessment (PDRA) meetings to analyze the hazards and possible risks and impacts. This step helps in ensuring that proper measures are implemented at the right time and in specific areas that will be affected. Preparedness actions which includes evacuation of people from danger zones help in reducing casualties.

Equally important in reducing disaster risks is the dissemination of information in the form of advisories and warnings to the local government units and to the public. Under this, the objective is to give the right information, to the right people, and at the right time. Along this line, OCD also takes effort in educating the public to ensure full and accurate understanding of these information so that appropriate actions are taken to protect lives and properties.

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PH Surmounts Destructive Typhoons in 2016

by Karla Minorka M Aldea

Before the end of 2016, the Philippines was challenged with two strong typhoons; one was in October and the other was in December.

On 17 October 2016, a tropical cyclone with international name "HAIMA" entered the Philippine Area of Responsibility (PAR) as a Typhoon and was named "LAWIN". It entered PAR with maximum sustained winds of 175kph, gustiness of up to 215kph and a diameter of 600km.

Two days later, TY LAWIN intensified into a super typhoon with maximum sustained winds of up to 225kph and gustiness of up to 315kph. The highest tropical cyclone warning signal number 5 was raised in the Provinces of Cagayan, Isabela, Kalinga, Apayao, Northern Abra and Ilocos Norte. STY Lawin brought intense to torrential rains over these areas.

The super typhoon left massive damage to infrastructure and agriculture in Regions I, II, III and CAR. Latest reports incurred



President Rodrigo Roa Duterte addresses the crowd during his visit to Catanduanes which was battered by Typhoon Nina in December 2016. The government evacuated more than 480,000 people from danger areas and state of calamities were declared in areas affected by the typhoon.

eighteen (18) casualties, fourteen (14) were confirmed dead in CAR while four (4) were injured in Region I, II and CAR due to landslides.

Two months after, while everyone was busy with the holiday preparations, a Severe Tropical

Storm (STS) with international name "NOCK-TEN" entered PAR and was named "NINA" having a maximum sustained winds of up to 105kph near the center and gustiness of up to 165kph with a diameter of 300km.

On 24 December 2016, it intensified into a typhoon and TCWS Number 4 was raised over the Provinces of Catanduanes and Camarines Sur. TY Nina also affected Regions CALABARZON, MIMAROPA, VII and VIII. A total of thirty-four (34) casualties were monitored during the occurrence of TY Nina. Thirteen were dead and 21 were reported missing. Thousands of families were evacuated and houses were damaged.

Before both typhoons affected the country, the National Council convened several times for a Pre-Disaster Risk Assessment (PDRA).



Catanduanons listen to President Rodrigo Roa Duterte during his visit.

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Members of the core group planned courses of actions which enable local communities to prepare way before the typhoon directly affects their areas.

Right after STY Lawin and TY Nina made landfall, the National Council organized for the deployment of Rapid Damage Assessment and Needs Analysis (RDANA) Teams to the stricken areas. Through the RDANA, the immediate needs and necessities for early recovery were assessed. Aside from government aid, private groups and individuals have extended their hand to help the affected communities.

After the RDANA, a Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) was conducted in Regions II and CAR for STY Lawin as well as in Region 5 for TY Nina. The PDNA teams, composed of assessors from various NDRRMC member agencies, assessed the typhoon's infrastructural, productive, social and cross-sectoral impacts in the affected provinces.

The results of the assessment will be used in crafting a Comprehensive Rehabilitation and Recovery Plan that will outline the restoration activities which will be undertaken in the affected communities.

PDNAs in CAR and Region II for STY Lawin have just been concluded and the teams are on their way to finalizing the report while PDNA in Region V for TY Nina is ongoing.

"The PDNA teams' reports are very important for us to effectively facilitate the conduct of appropriate activities and prompt delivery of services to the typhoon-affected communities," said Usec Ricardo B Jalad, NDRRMC Executive Director and Civil Defense Administrator.



Pre-Disaster Risk Assessment (PDRA) Core Group meets to identify and implement the needed preparedness measures for the effects of Super Typhoon Lawin.



Vice Chairperson for Response Secretary Judy M Taguiwalò leads the distribution of family food packs to the communities affected by TY Nina in Catanduanes.



Volunteer Mortocycle Riders conduct road reconnaissance along the main roads going to Cagayañ Valley and Benguet right after Super Typhoon Lawin made its landfall.

NDRRMC Observes IDDR and ADDM 2016

by Karla Minorka M Aldea

The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) led the country's observance of the International Day for Disaster Reduction (IDDR) and ASEAN Day for Disaster Management (ADDM) 2016.

Jointly organized by the Office of Civil Defense, DRRNet Philippines and OXFAM-GB, an Advocacy Bike Ride for Disaster Risk Reduction was held in the observance of the IDDR-ADDM 2016 on 13 October 2016. Around 400 key players and stakeholders, as well as bike enthusiasts joined the bike ride from the Quezon City Memorial Circle to the Covered Court of Barangay Bagong Silangan, Payatas, Quezon City.



Bike enthusiasts express their commitment towards Disaster Risk Reduction and Management through a bike ride held in observance of the International Day for Disaster Reduction and ASEAN Day for Disaster Management on 13 October 2016.

Subsequent to the kickoff activity, the “*Barangay 911: Tugon sa Tawag ng Panahon*” was also launched. This campaign which aims to raise awareness on the nine calls-for-action towards addressing key issues on the DRRM System of

the country. Representatives from NDRRMC member agencies, civil society organizations and media partners participated in the activity.

NDRRMC Chairperson and National Defense Secretary Delfin

N Lorenzana graced the occasion and delivered a message supporting the efforts of the communities, and Representative Joey Salceda of the 2nd District of Albay attended as the keynote speaker of this year's IDDR-ADDM.



NDRRMC Chairperson and National Defense Secretary Delfin N Lorenzana joins DRRM Key Officials in a group photo during the observance of the International Day for Disaster Reduction and ASEAN Day for Disaster Management on 13 October 2016.

Since 1989, IDDR is observed every 13th of October, after a call by the United Nations General Assembly for a day to promote a global culture of risk awareness and disaster reduction.

IDDR 2016 also marks the launching of the new “Sendai Seven” campaign, which centered on the seven targets of the Sendai Framework, the first of which is reducing disaster mortality. The theme for this year's IDDR is “Live to Tell: Raising Awareness, Reducing Mortality”. It is observed alongside the ADDM with this year's theme: “One ASEAN Community for Better Resilience”.

OCD Participates in the 18-Day Campaign to End Violence Against Women

by John Rey Catalan

Proclamation No. 1172, issued in 2006, mandates all government instrumentalities to observe the 18-Day Campaign to End Violence Against Women (VAW) from 25 November to 12 December of every year.

This campaign aims to raise awareness among all stakeholders that VAW is a public issue of national concern. It supports the Philippine Government's goal to protect the human rights of women and its commitment to address all forms of VAW, consistent with the Magna Carta of Women.

In observance of this campaign, OCD has conducted Men Oppose to Violence Against Women Everywhere (MOVE) Orientation on 25 November 2016. The said activity was participated in by 22 male and 2 female personnel from the Central Office. The orientation aims to introduce the role of men in preventing violence against women in the society, recognize its importance in attaining gender equality and familiarize the public on the gains and efforts undertaken by the Philippine Government and MOVE.

MOVE is part of the national efforts to eliminate Violence Against Women. These anti-VAW efforts are based on international declarations including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) and Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), and various Philippine laws protecting women and their children. MOVE was convened by men from various organizations,

including the government, private sector, academe and non-government organizations through the initiative of the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW). It recognizes that VAW is a violation of human rights. Women have become more vulnerable to violence often perpetuated by men because other men have either condoned it or remained passive in the efforts to eliminate it.

Similarly, an Essay Writing Contest with the theme "VAW Free Community Starts with Me" was organized. The contest seeks to raise awareness on VAW among OCD personnel. Furthermore, OCD Central Office enjoined all its regional offices to display the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) designed streamer in observance and support to the 18-Day Campaign to End VAW.

OCD Regional Offices have also conducted Gender and

Development orientations and participated in VAW related activities in their areas in support to the 2016 campaign to End VAW.

During the Executive Briefing on Gender and Development held on 11 November 2016, Civil Defense Administrator Undersecretary Ricardo B Jalad also exhorted the OCD officials to ensure the mainstreaming of gender and development in the various civil defense and disaster risk reduction and management programs, activities and projects of the agency.

"Gender and development is not a question of man versus woman. It is mostly how we respond to the situations in the wide spectrum of issues on opportunity and equality. I encourage everyone to become advocates of equal opportunity and empowerment to be able to accomplish our tasks as public servants," said Undersecretary Jalad.



Men and women of OCD Central Office join the Men Oppose to Violence Against Women Everywhere (MOVE) Orientation on 25 November 2016 in observance of this year's 18-Day Campaign to End VAW.

OCD Conducts Year-End Senior Leaders' Conference

by Monique Raizza P Jacob

The Office of Civil Defense through the Policy Development and Planning Service conducted the Senior Leaders' Conference (SLC) on 12 - 13 December 2016 at the Makati Palace Hotel. The activity is a bi-annual conference wherein the Service Directors and Regional Directors meet with the Civil Defense Administrator Usec Ricardo B Jalad, Deputy Administrator for Administration Asec Kristoffer James E Purisima and Deputy Administrator for Operations Asec Rodolfo Demosthenes C Santillan to report the Offices' accomplishments throughout the year. These include policies or plans developed, issued or reviewed, capacity building initiatives, secretariat and technical assistance provided and disaster management operations.

For the year 2016, OCD has developed a total of 26 plans/policies, 13,929 persons provided with disaster risk reduction and management training and 1,254 technical assistance rendered to stakeholders. In terms of disaster operations managed, highlights were the response and relief operations carried out on the onslaught of tropical cyclones. Rapid Damage Assessment and Needs Analysis and Post-Disaster Needs Assessment were conducted in Regions II and Cordillera Administrative Region in response to Super Typhoon LAWIN which brought widespread damage in the said regions. Rehabilitation is ongoing in the affected regions.

OCD has also maintained its partnership with local and international partners specifically in



Civil Defense Administrator and NDRRMC Executive Director Undersecretary Ricardo B Jalad poses with Civil Defense Deputy Administrator for Administration Asec Kristoffer James E Purisima, OCD Service Chiefs and Regional Directors during the Senior Leaders' Conference on 12-13 December 2016 in Makati City. The Conference highlights the accomplishments of the agency as presented in the reports of the Services and Offices.

the ASEAN as the Philippines will be hosting by 2017. Preparations for the hosting were discussed especially the kick off scheduled on 15 January 2017 in Davao City and the regional launch at Clark, Pampanga on 24 January 2017.

Up to date, 95% accomplishment has been delivered by OCD and is continuing to achieve a 100% accomplishment towards the end of the year. SLC also served as an avenue to discuss ways forward on how the Office will continue to achieve its targets in the coming years and what other initiatives can be developed or offered for a safer, adaptive and resilient Philippines.

The Year-End Senior Leaders' Conference also held the oath-taking of the appointed Service and Regional Directors. Some were appointed as Director II assuming

as Regional Director and some were Director III assuming as Service Directors. Turnover ceremonies and assumption of duties will take place after the conference.

During the closing ceremony, Usec Jalad challenged the officials and staff present to continue working for the protection of people's lives and property.

"Let us be mindful of the reality that the modern-day challenge of Civil Defense and Disaster Risk Reduction and Management asks much from all of us public servants. Our people deserve the best in public service. The challenge therefore for all of us in this Agency is to remain faithful and relentless in the pursuit of excellent public service to realize the vision of a safer, climate change adaptive and disaster resilient Philippines," Usec Jalad said.

OCD Capacitates Information Officers

by Karla Minorka M Aldea

The Office of Civil Defense through its Public Affairs Office initiated capacity building trainings and workshops for Information Officers in the Central Office and Regional Offices. Three activities namely, Strategic Communications Conference, Project Disaster Information and Nationwide Awareness (DINA) Materials Development Workshop and Social Media in DRRM Workshop for Information Officers were conducted during the fourth quarter of this year with the aim to equip information officers on the various facets of Media and Public Relations as well as Information, Education and Communications in DRRM.

StratComm Conference

The Strategic Communications Conference was conducted on 25-28 October 2016 at Richville Hotel, Mandaluyong City. It is a workshop designed to finalize the OCD Strategic Communications Plan for CY 2017-2022. It has been an avenue for OCD Public Affairs to orient the regional information officers on its implementation.

Nineteen participants from the Central and Regional Offices attended the conference which

involved discussions and workshops on the Draft Strategic Communications Plan.

Presentations on strategic environment and communications model, and the strategic outcome, themes, goals and components of the draft plan were delivered. The workshop focused on outlining the specific activities for the six-year plan.

Materials Dev't Workshop

Project DINA Materials Development Workshop was conducted in line with the development, production and distribution of IEC materials related to the Project DINA videos produced in 2013. It was held on 14-18 November 2016 at Lancaster Hotel, Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila

Project DINA is one of the flagship programs of OCD making way for an easier access of DRRM information materials through short clip videos. It features eight videos on the various hazards namely: typhoon, earthquake, flood, tsunami, landslide, storm surge, volcanic eruption and fire. Each video explains the characteristics of the hazard and the preparations

before, during and after it happens. Seventeen information officers from OCD Regional Offices worked to develop nine Project DINA posters, including a poster for Emergency Go Bag were drafted. During the workshop, the group was divided into three and each team was assigned to work on three hazards. The content and graphics of the outputs were presented to the panelists from NDRRMC member agencies such as PAGASA, BFP, PHIVOLCS, DOST, DILG, DSWD and NEDA.

Social Media in DRRM

As advances in technology pave way for the rapid diffusion of real-time information through social media reaches billions in the world, OCD welcomed this tool in addition to the continuous use of traditional tools and media in its DRRM programs.

The lack of policy and training in the use of social media for DRRM resulted in various styles and non-cohesive direction in communications initiative. Thus, OCD deemed it necessary to initiate a Social Media in DRRM Training and Workshop for its Information Officers. This seminar workshop aims to orient and



OCD Public Affairs Team pose with Information Officers from OCD Central and Regional Offices during the conduct of Strategic Communications Conference on 25-28 October 2016.



Panelists from NDRRMC member agencies evaluate the draft posters made by the participants in the Project DINA Materials Development Workshop held on 14-18 November 2016.



Information Officers draft Policies and Guidelines for Social Media Use in DRRM during a workshop conducted on 06-09 December 2016.

educate information officers on the various ways and techniques in utilizing social media for DRRM communications and advocacy.

The activity was conducted on 06-09 December 2016 at Lancaster Hotel Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila attended by twenty-seven (27) information officers from OCD Central and Regional offices. Resource speakers from University of the Philippines College of Mass Communication, Facebook Asia Pacific, Unbox PH, Philippine Information Agency, PNP and DSWD presented on specific topics of social media management.

Workshop on the formulation of Social Media Policies and Guidelines was conducted after the series of lectures. Policies and guidelines for disaster prevention and mitigation, preparedness, response, rehabilitation and recovery, and special issues in DRRM were drafted. Outputs during the workshop were handed over to OCD Public Affairs for the finalization of the OCD Social Media Policies and Guidelines.

Communication activities play a significant role in every campaign. In the realm of DRRM, IEC campaigns including media and public affairs initiatives have brought awareness to the public and advocated for preparedness of communities.

NDRRMC Executive Director and Civil Defense Administrator Usec Ricardo B Jalad stressed the importance of communication activities in all the initiatives of the National Council through OCD.

"May you continue to strive in keeping the public informed by providing accurate, timely and relevant information for the realization of a safer, climate-adaptive and disaster resilient Philippines," said Usec

PH Joins ARDEX 2016

by Karla Minorka M Aldea

The Philippines through the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council and the Office of Civil Defense take part in the ASEAN Regional Disaster Emergency Response Simulation Exercise (ARDEX) 2016 on 27 November to 02 December 2016.

ARDEX is an international simulation organized thru the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM) by virtue of the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency (AADMER) signed by all 10 ASEAN member states including the Philippines in 2005. This aims to promote regional cooperation towards a disaster resilient ASEAN community in support to the vision of "ONE ASEAN, ONE RESPONSE".

This year's conduct of the ARDEX was the 8th, hosted by Brunei Darussalam through its National Disaster Management Centre (NDMC), Ministry of Home Affairs in partnership with the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA

Centre). The ASEAN member states, AHA Centre and its Emergency Rapid Assessment Teams (ERATs), UN OCHA as well as other partner agencies and NGOs participated in the event.

At the strategic level, ARDEX focused on sharing and exchanging of information among members particularly the process of requesting and extending assistance during disasters through the ASEAN Standby Arrangements and Standard Operation Procedures (SASOP) and Joint ERAT. While on the tactical level, the exercises delved on disaster rescue and relief operations. The simulation exercises involved a combination of communication, coordination and table top exercises.

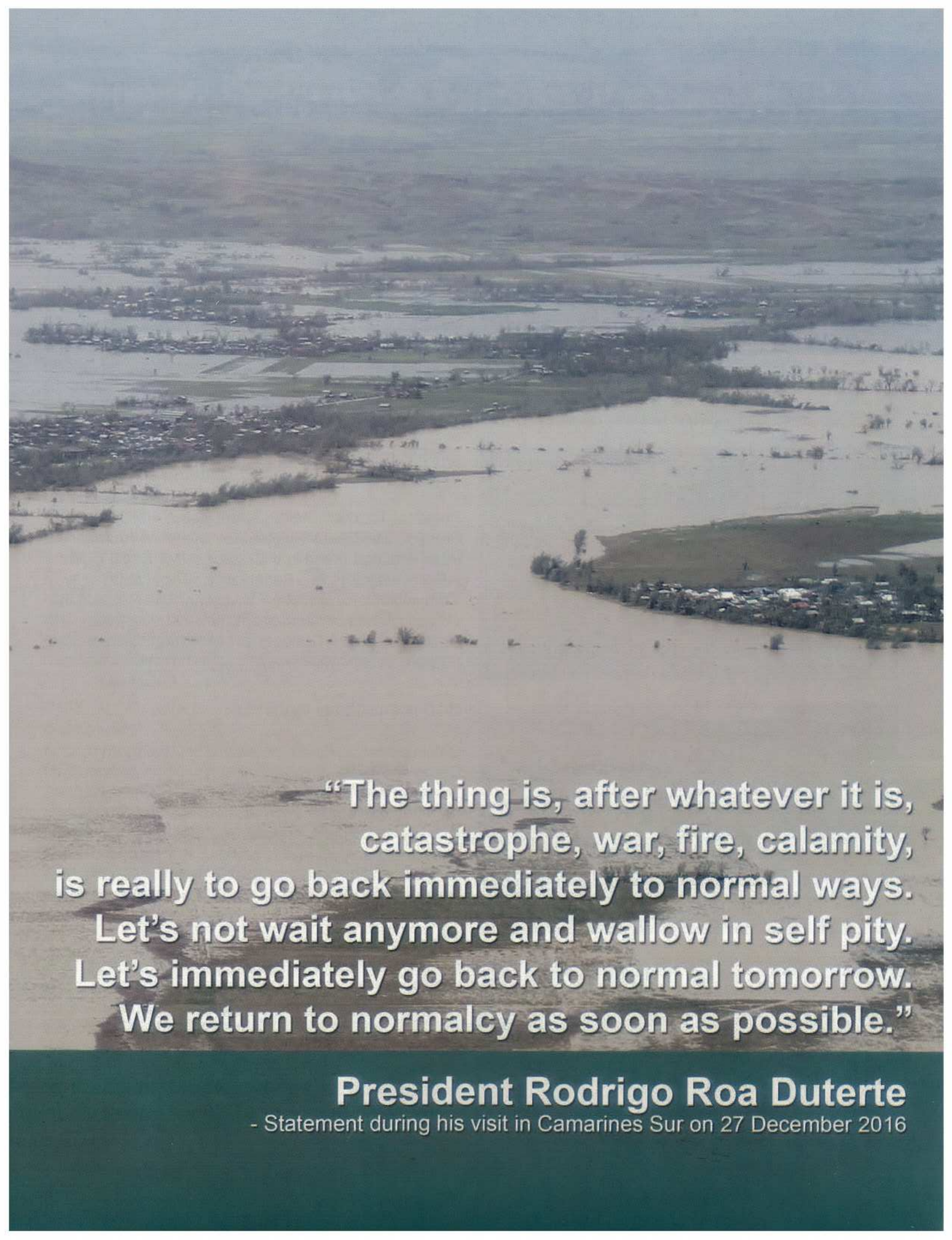
The Philippine delegation for the ARDEX 2016 was led by the Civil Defense Deputy Administrator for Operations Asec Rodolfo Demosthenes C Santillan joined by personnel from OCD, AFP, DOH and the Emergency Rescue Unit Foundation.



Civil Defense Deputy Administrator for Operations Asec Rodolfo Demosthenes C Santillan with the Philippine delegation during the ARDEX 2016 in Brunei Darussalam on 29 November 2016.



*Inserts: Response and relief operations for Typhoon Nina in December 2016.
Background: A flooded area in Cagayan after Super Typhoon Lawin hit Northern Luzon in October 2016.*

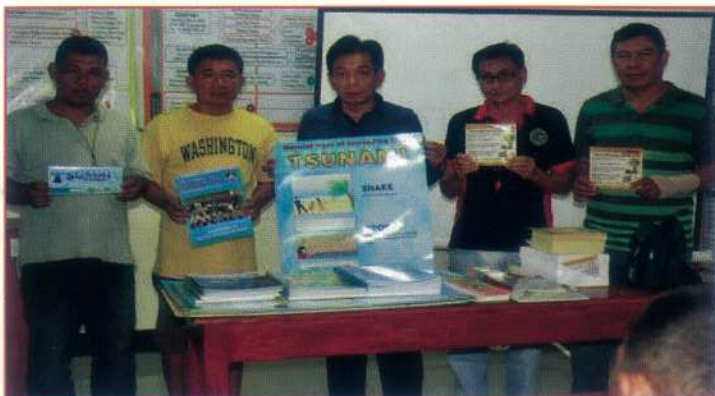


**"The thing is, after whatever it is,
catastrophe, war, fire, calamity,
is really to go back immediately to normal ways.
Let's not wait anymore and wallow in self pity.
Let's immediately go back to normal tomorrow.
We return to normalcy as soon as possible."**

President Rodrigo Roa Duterte

- Statement during his visit in Camarines Sur on 27 December 2016

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TODA Officials Join OCD I's DRRM Decal Project

Members of Tricycle Drivers-Operators Association (TODA) in Lingayen, Pangasinan install decals and stickers containing disaster information in support to the Municipality's DRRM Decal Project on 18 November 2016. OCD I initiated the project with the aim to strengthen partnership with the transport sector and raise disaster awareness and preparedness among commuters. *(Mike Aldrin T Sabado)*



RIMT Augments NIMT for STY Lawin in Cagayan Valley

Regional Incident Management Team (IMT) Member Ronald Villa gives situational overview during the transfer of command to the National IMT on 20 October 2016 at Valley Hotel, Peñablanca, Cagayan. Cagayan Valley was hardest hit by STY Lawin. The National IMT was composed of personnel from various agencies with Director Vicente F Tomazar as the Incident Commander. *(Francis Joseph M Reyes)*



OCD III Facilitates Basic ICS

Officers and enlisted personnel of Northern Luzon Command present their output during the conduct of Basic Incident Command System (ICS) Training Course on 08-10 November 2016 at the Cordillera Hall, Camp General Sevillano A Aquino, San Miguel, Tarlac City. A total of 33 participants completed the course initiated by OCD III. This training shall help improve on-scene management of disasters in the region. *(Diane Henie M del Rosario)*



OCD III Confers Bakas Parangal 2016

OCD III Regional Director Josefina T Timoteo hands a plaque to LTC Ramil Anoyo PA of the 48th Infantry Battalion, recipient of Bakas Parangal 2016 during the awarding ceremony on 14 December 2016 at Subic Bay Exhibition and Convention Center, Subic Bay Freeport Zone. The award is conferred to groups and individuals who showed bravery and heroism during urgent need of assistance in times of calamities and disasters. *(Francesca T Quizon)*

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OCD CALABARZON Conducts RDANA in Quezon Province

A team led by OCD CALABARZON discusses with San Andres Mayor Popoy Emprese during the two-day Rapid Damage Assessment and Needs Analysis held after the onslaught TY Nina on 29-30 December 2016. The team assigned to assess the damages incurred during the typhoon visited the Municipalities of San Andres, San Narciso, San Francisco, Mulanay and Buenavista. *(Georgina R Garcia)*



OCD CALABARZON Leads Local DRRM Officers' Regional Convention

OCD CALABARZON Regional Director Vicente F Tomazar delivers his welcome message during the opening of the 1st Regional Convention of Local DRRM Officers on 7 December 2016 at Batis Aramin Hotel and Resort, Lucban Quezon. Provincial, City and Municipal DRRM Officers attended the activity together with the accounting and budget officers of the Local Government Units. *(Georgina R Garcia)*



OCD V Conducts Mustering of Assets and Capabilities

OCD V Regional Director Bernardo R Alejandro IV inspects equipment for disaster operations as Regional DRRM Council Bicol prepares for TY Nina. Mustering of assets and capabilities was held on 23 December 2016 at the TOG 5 Grounds, Legazpi City, joined by member-agencies. The Regional Council heightened alert level status to closely monitor the typhoon as it poses threat to the Region. *(Rachelle Anne L Miranda)*



OCD V Holds RDANA in Albay

Rapid Damage Assessment and Needs Analysis (RDANA) team gathers data in the Municipality of Polangui, Albay during the RDANA conducted for the communities affected by TY Nina in the Province of Albay. Regional DRRM Council Bicol through OCD V deployed seven teams to conduct the RDANA. Through this assessment, the immediate needs of the typhoon stricken communities were identified. *(Bea Fae S Tresvalles)*



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OCD VI Spearheads RETT Workshop

Members of the Rapid Emergency Telecommunications Team (RETT) in Region 6 join in crafting a RETT Manual during the workshop held on 27 October 2016 at Sarabia Manor Hotel, Iloilo City. Consequent with the RETT Summit facilitated by OCD VI, NTC and select members of the RETT team led to the drafting of guidelines on the deployment of teams and resources during emergencies. *(Cherry Mae D Naranjo)*



OCD VI Conducts Integrated Planning Course

Participants of the Incident Command System Integrated Planning Course discuss during the group activity of the training held on 12-18 December 2016 in Madison Hotel, Iloilo City. OCD VI facilitated the training attended by representatives from BFP, AFP, PNP, DOH, TOG 6, PHO, Provincial, City and Municipal DRRM Councils in Region 6. The graduates of the course will be part of the Regional IMT to be organized for the ASEAN 2017. *(Cherry Mae D Naranjo)*



OCD VII Holds PDRA Orientation and RDANA Workshop

Local DRRM Officers of Cebu Province joins Regional Director Olive Lucas and OCD VII staff in a group photo during the Pre-Disaster Risk Assessment (PDRA) and Rapid Damage Assessment and Needs Analysis (RDANA) Workshop on 11-14 October 2016 at Palm Grass Hotel, Cebu City. The activity aims to provide an indepth understanding of the PDRA and RDANA processes to Local DRRM Officers. *(Jesette D Pongos)*



OCD VII Facilitates ICS Executive Course

Staff from various hotels and resorts in Bohol attend the Incident Command System Executive Course facilitated by OCD VII on 28 October 2016 at Pangalo Regents Park, Panglao, Bohol. More than 50 operations and security officers joined in the training as part of the preparations for the Philippines' hosting of ASEAN 2017. ICS is a standard, on-scene, all-hazard incident management concept which can be used for both incidents and planned events. *(Tashuana Alemania)*

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OCD VIII Leads Rescue MARCH Challenge

Rescuers from Eastern Visayas perform the Mugadishu Walk, an act featuring the members of a rescue team carrying a victim using a spine board, during the Rescue M.A.R.C.H (Mass Assembly for Rescue and Care for Humanity) Challenge held in commemoration of the responders who died during the onslaught of Typhoon Yolanda. OCD VIII facilitated the event in partnership with Rescue PH and Orange Helmets on 06 November 2016. *(Rey Ezekiel Barbasa)*



OCD IX Spearheads Contingency Planning Formulation Workshop

Members of the Provincial DRRM Council of Zamboanga del Sur discuss during a breakout session of the Contingency Planning Formulation Workshop held on 27-29 October 2016 at Alindahaw Lakeview Resort, Lakewood, Zamboanga del Sur. OCD IX facilitated the workshop attended by 39 participants. The activity is geared towards the formulation of contingency plans for various types of hazards. *(Girly S Gamier)*



OCD X Launches Oplan Ghostbuster for Undas 2016

Regional DRRM Council X members provide assistance to El Salvador City, Misamis Oriental on 30 October to 02 November 2016 in observance of Undas 2016. OCD X personnel were deployed in the five Provinces of the Region to assist the Local DRRM Councils in manning their incident command posts and to ensure safety of the people visiting the different cemeteries in the area. *(Maree Abigail N Galvez)*



OCD XI Conducts DRRM Orientation for DepEd Employees

Educators from Region XI join in for a group photo during the closing ceremonies of the 2-day DRRM Orientation Course for DepEd DRR Coordinators and personnel on 13-14 December 2016 at Mergrande Ocean Beach Resort, Talomo, Davao City. OCD XI facilitated the activity with the aim to familiarize teachers on various hazards and capacitate them on DRRM specifically on the four thematic areas. *(Mc Adrian Nouve B Cobero)*



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RDRRMC XI Convenes for its 4th Quarter Meeting

OCD XI Regional Director Liza R Mazo chairs the Regional DRRM Council 4th Quarter Meeting on 16 December 2016 at Grand Regal Hotel, Davao City. The Vice Chairpersons, member agencies and Local DRRM Officers of the Region attended the meeting. The agenda included a discussion of the 2016 accomplishments of RDRRMC XI, contingency plan for ASEAN 2017 and action plan of the Regional Alliance of DRRM Officers (READIRMO). *(Mc Adrian Nove B Cobero)*



OCD XII facilitates SIMEX and Competency Test on Flooding and Landslide

Rescuers perform a scenario during the 4th Simulation Exercise and Competency Test on Flooding and Landslide incidents held on 06-12 November 2016 at Camp BGen Hermenegildo Agaab Pulatana, Malungon, Sarangani Province. OCD XII spearheaded the activity joined by 18 teams from the LGUs of the Region as well as evaluators from various member agencies. *(Jorie Mae Balmediano)*



OCD ARMM Hands IEC Materials to PDRRMC Basilan

OCD ARMM OIC Regional Director Myrna J Angot leads the ceremonial turnover of Information and Education Campaign Materials to the members of Provincial DRRM Council Basilan on 07 November 2016 at Cecile's Hotel, Zamboanga City. The signage received were intended for the LGUs in the Province of Basilan namely, Hadji-Muhtamad, Lantawan, Maluso, Sumisip, Tabuan-lasa and Lamitan. *(Jofel A Delicana)*



OCD ARMM Conducts DRRM Executive Course

OCD ARMM OIC Regional Director Myrna J Angot delivers her opening message to the Local Chief Executives (LCEs) from the Provinces of Basilan, Sulu and Tawi-tawi in the DRRM Executive Course held at Cecille Hotel, Zamboanga City on 05 December 2016. OCD ARMM facilitated the course which included discussions on the Philippine DRRM System, Disaster Preparedness and the role of PAGASA and PHIVOLCS in DRRM. *(Jofel A Delicana)*

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OCD CAR Holds Community-based DRRM Training of Trainers

Participants of Community-based DRRM Training of Trainers held on 10-14 October 2016 in Tuba, Benguet engage in discussions during a group activity. More than 40 local DRRM officers, volunteers, and DRRM coordinators from various government agencies joined the training which aims to orient future DRRM instructors on the conduct of community-based disaster preparedness activities. *(Franzes Ivy C Carasi)*



OCD CAR Leads Cordillera PDNA for STY Lawin

Cordillera DRRM Council through OCD CAR deploys Post Disaster Needs Assessment Teams to Abra, Apayao, Benguet, Kalinga, Ifugao and Mountain Province on 13 November 2016. For two weeks, the teams were tasked to assess the impact of STY Lawin in the areas assigned to them. OCD CAR organized a send-off program graced by Regional Director Andrew Alex Uy. *(Franzes Ivy C Carasi)*



OCD CARAGA Facilitates Basic ICS

Selected chiefs and staff of Caraga Regional Hospital pose with OCD Caraga personnel and Cadre from Surigao City during the Basic Incident Command System Course held at Philippine Gateway Hotel, Surigao City, Surigao del Norte on 21-23 November 2016. ICS is a disaster response tool which allows the adoption of an integrated organizational structure to match the complexities and demands of single or multiple incidents. *(April Rose Ann Y Sanchez)*



OCD NIR Holds its 1st Gawad Kalasag Awarding

Members of Amity Volunteer Fire Brigade, Gawad Kalasag Best Volunteer Organization, receive their plaque and cheque during the awarding ceremonies at Nature's Village Resort, Talisay City, Negros Occidental on 23 November 2016. NIR conducted its 1st Gawad Kalasag search in recognition of the outstanding contribution of individuals and organizations in the field of Disaster Risk Reduction and Management and humanitarian action. *(Olive Marie G Baylon)*



CENTRAL OFFICE EVENTS



Undersecretary Ricardo B Jalad leads the attendees to the Executive Course on Disaster Management Operations at the NDRRMC Conference Room on 4 October 2016.



Assistant Secretary Kristoffer James E Purisima presides the Technical Working Group on the Republic Act 10121 (Philippine DRRM Law of 2010) Amending Bill on 10 November 2016.



Civil Defense Administrator Undersecretary Ricardo B Jalad receives a token from Thailand's National Security Council during their working visit at the NDRRMC Operations Center on 10 November 2016.



Students from San Pedro Poveda College pose for a souvenir photo after their visit and orientation at the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Operations Center on 23 November 2016.



Civil Defense Deputy Administrator Assistant Secretary Kristoffer James E Purisima delivers his opening message during the ASEAN-ICS Technical Working Group Workshop on 15 December 2016.



Members of the Defense Press Corps pose with Civil Defense Administrator Undersecretary Ricardo B Jalad during the Media Appreciation Day on 20 December 2016.

*Photos by Fred Abuda Jr
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GO BAG

(Emergency Preparedness Bag)

Preparedness is a state of readiness. It means being equipped in times of emergency.

In order to prepare for these emergencies, we should have a ready "GO BAG" that we can rely and carry along immediately when natural disaster, disease outbreak and acts of terrorism happen.

The GO BAG items should be checked and replenished every three months. It should be stored properly to where it can be easily accessed in case of emergency.

The Emergency GO BAG contains the following:



Important documents in waterproof container



Blankets, clothing, raincoat, boots, tissue and sanitary napkins



Drinking water in sealed containers



Ropes, old newspaper and plastic bags made of strong materials



Easy to serve and ready to eat food



First aid kit



Flashlights, batteries, candles, matches and whistle



Cash and spare changes



Mobile phones, powerbanks and charger



Needed items for young and older members of the family, including persons with disabilities



Radio with fresh and extra batteries

Although hazards cannot be prevented, the impact can be mitigated through community preparedness, timely warnings, and effective response towards building safer, adaptive and disaster-resilient Filipino communities.
(Research by: Bebeth L. Gador)

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