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## Editor's Note

"Our safety does not rest in the hands of one person or government agency alone. It rests in our very hands as we put them together on the concerted effort of building safer, adaptive and resilient communities", said Secretary Voltaire T Gazmin in his message during the National Simultaneous Earthquake Drill on 21 April 2016.

It is in this line that the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) operates as the primary agency tasked with administering the country's civil defense and disaster risk reduction and management program. OCD undertakes this shared mission with the various agencies under the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council, the civil society organizations, the academe, the private sector and the general public.

The "whole-of-society approach" not only enjoins wider involvement in reducing people's vulnerabilities and minimizing the threats of hazards, but also ensures that the actions, plans and programs are truly beneficial and acceptable to the communities.

Under the principles of good governance, OCD remains as a partner of the Filipino people in working for the shared vision of a safer, climate-adaptive and disaster-resilient Philippines.

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# NDRRMC HOLDS NATIONWIDE SIMULTANEOUS EARTHQUAKE DRILL

by Noel H Mapalo

The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) leads the conduct of the Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill (NSED) on 21 April 2016 and 22 June 2016, with ceremonial launchings at Air Force City in Clark, Pampanga and Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo in Quezon City, respectively.

Spearheaded by the Office of Civil Defense in collaboration with various national agencies, Local Government Units (LGUs) and private organizations, the drill seeks to strengthen the mechanism for national and regional coordination, as well as the interoperability of key players. It also aims to intensify local communities' earthquake preparedness and increase the commitment of LGUs in building safer communities.

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*NDRRMC and AFP officials press the ceremonial button to signify the start of the Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill on 21 April 2016 at Air Force City in Clark, Pampanga.*

a concerted effort of building safer, adaptive and resilient communities." said Secretary Voltaire T Gazmin who graced the event in Clark, Pampanga. The Air Force City is being eyed as the alternate disaster operations hub in case Metro Manila is severely devastated by an earthquake.

The drill conducted on 22 June included the exhibition and evaluation of the on-site NDRRMC Operations Center based on the National Disaster Response Plan for Earthquakes and Tsunamis and the quadrants of Metro Manila in reference to OPLAN YAKAL Plus.

The earthquake scenarios used for the two drills are derived from the results of the Metro Manila Earthquake Impact Reduction Study (MMEIRS, 2004) and the GMMA-READY Project in 2014. Both detail an impact scenario of a Magnitude 7.2 earthquake along the West Valley Fault (Model 08, MMEIRS), the worst case scenario for Metro Manila and nearby provinces.

OCD Regional Offices led the conduct of earthquake drills in their respective areas, with participation from various schools and universities, hospitals, government institutions, and private organization businesses.



*Civil Defense personnel work at the makeshift NDRRM Operations Center at the parade grounds of Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo during the Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill on 22 June 2016.*



# NDRRMC INKS AGREEMENT WITH EMERGENCY RESPONSE INTEGRATION CENTER

by Karla Aldea Minorka

National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) Executive Director and the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) Administrator Undersecretary Alexander P. Pama signs a Memorandum of Agreement with the Emergency Response Integration Center (ERIC) President, Mr. Christopher P. Grajo at the NDRRMC Conference Room, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City on 05 May 2016.



*NDRRMC Executive Director and OCD Administrator Usec Alexander P. Pama shakes hand with Mr. Christopher P. Grajo of Emergency Response Integration Center after signing a Memorandum of Agreement at the NDRRMC Conference Room in Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City on 05 May 2016.*

NDRRMC and ERIC jointly expressed their intention to formalize the delivery of digital automation services through partnership and collaboration.

This will provide the NDRRMC, particularly the National Response Cluster with technical expertise on Information Communications Technology through the development of the following tools:

- ResponseOps.PH – an online collaboration platform and

Information Management System (IMS) customized to the needs, procedures, and protocols of the Emergency Response Pillar.

- The IMS is a ticketing system that addresses all calls for assistance submitted to the Response Cluster during emergency operations.
- Rapid Damage Assessment and Needs Analysis automation to facilitate the immediate gathering of necessary information on damages and needs in disaster-stricken areas.



*Volunteers from Emergency Response Integration Center tend their posts at the NDRRMC Conference Room during the height of Typhoon Lando in October 2016.*

ERIC is a group of IT professionals who volunteer their expertise on Information Communications and Management during disaster response. They cater information from victims and responders, from government and NGOs, from local and international organizations and organize them into a unified situation awareness platform which could be used by the NDRRMC.



# PH HOSTS INSARAG CAPACITY ASSESSMENT MISSION

by Marlone Viardo

In line with the Philippines' pursuit of an International Search and Rescue Advisory Group (INSARAG) External Classification, the said group, in partnership with the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) and United Nations (UN) Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), sent a Scoping Mission Team to the country to conduct an Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Capacity Assessment Mission on 4 to 8 April 2016.

INSARAG, a global network of more than 80 countries and organizations under the UN umbrella, deals with USAR related issues, aiming to establish minimum international standards for USAR teams and methodology for international coordination in earthquake response. Using a voluntary, independent, peer review process known as the INSARAG External Classification, the INSARAG community ensures that only qualified and appropriate international USAR resources are deployed during an emergency.

The first day of the mission kicked off with the Scoping Mission Team, composed of delegates from Japan, Australia, China and Singapore, visiting the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Operations Center (NDRRMC) in Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City to meet with the members of the NDRRMC and to receive a briefing on the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) System.

During the next three days, the Scoping Mission Team observed the capability demonstration of the Philippine Air Force (PAF) 505th

Search and Rescue Group (SRG), the Philippine Army (PA) 525th Engineer Combat Battalion (ECB), and the Emergency Rescue Unit Foundation (ERUF), collectively known as the Philippine USAR Team. The demonstrations were held in their facilities at Col. Jesus Villamor Air Base, Pasay City, 525th ECB Adventure Zone, Western Bicutan, Taguig City and ERUF Training Center, Mandaue City, Cebu.

The observations were done for the purpose of assessing the country's existing USAR capability and identifying its requirements

for USAR support, and ultimately achieve an INSARAG External Classification.

On the final day, the Scoping Mission Team presented its findings to the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) and gave recommendations to help the Philippines improve its USAR capability. Should the Philippines be classified under INSARAG standards, disaster affected countries will have a better understanding of its USAR capacity and prioritize acceptance of support from the country.



*Military Search and Rescue (SAR) personnel pose with NDRRMC Executive Director and Civil Defense Administrator Undersecretary Alexander P Pama at the close of the Rescue MARCH (Mass Assembly for Rescue and Care for Humanity) Challenge on 24 April 2016. Hundreds of government and volunteer SAR personnel assembled at the Bonifacio Shrine in Manila and marched to the Philippine Army Grandstand in Fort Bonifacio. The event aims to strengthen disaster response capabilities and simulates a scenario wherein a breakdown of basic infrastructures forces rescuers to travel on foot with their equipment.*



# OCD LAUNCHES COMPETENCY FRAMEWORK

by Hyacinth Jeaned S Barros

OCD launched its Competency Framework on 27 May 2016 at the NDRRMC Conference Room simultaneous with its Regional Offices.

The Australian Aid and Philippine Australia Human Resource Organizational Development Facility (PAHRODF) assisted OCD in its endeavour to strengthen the organization. One of the interventions undertaken with Australian Aid and PAHRODF in 2012 was the Competency Based Human Resource Job Profiling Project. Select OCD Personnel worked together to identify the competencies of the organization.

With DBM's approval of 156 newly created positions and 165 regularized positions, OCD sought

the technical assistance of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade through PAHRODF to operationalize the competency-based recruitment system developed during the previous interventions.

The Competency Framework is the result of these interventions. These competencies will now be the standard for the following: Recruitment, Selection and Placement of Candidates to Positions; Performance Management; Rewards and Recognition; and Learning and Development/ Training Programs.

During the launch, Mr. Mark Flores, PAHRODF Deputy Facility Director handed Usec Pama four copies of the Generic Competency Dictionary.

In his message, he congratulated OCD on behalf of PAHRODF and expressed PAHRODF's willingness to further assist OCD.

Usec Pama stated that with the launching of the Competency Based HR, everybody will have to go through the process for the organization to be competent, professional and be truly of service to the people. Further, he asked the OCD Personnel to continue to cooperate, because at the end of the day, it is the people that will make a difference to the organization.

"I am confident that we have set the momentum and we have nowhere to go but up. To the Australian Aid and PAHRODF, thank you for your continued assistance to OCD," said Usec Pama.



*The construction of the New NDRRM Operations Center commences on April 2016 through funding support from the Department of Public Works and Highways. The facility is expected to further enhance the capacity of the NDRRMC, and is aligned with the current government efforts in building strategic DRRM facilities, which include three-in-one facilities that contain offices, a warehouse and a hangar.*



# PRES AQUINO LEADS GROUNDBREAKING OF CLARK GREEN CITY

by Karla Minorka M Aldea

President Benigno Aquino III led the ground breaking ceremony of the Clark Green City (CGC) in Sitio Baloy, Barangay Aranguren, Capas, Tarlac on 11 April 2016. The President laid the time capsule of the 9,450-hectare property with Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) President and CEO Arnel Paciano Casanova and Chairperson Maria Aurora Geotina-Garcia, DILG Secretary Mel Senen Sarmiento and DPWH Secretary Rogelio Singson.

The CGC will be the home of the future National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Training Institute (NDRRMTI). The establishment of the proposed NDRRMTI will commence from a lot acquisition at the CGC. Soon, the NDRRMC through the OCD and BCDA will sign a Memorandum of Agreement to facilitate and legalize the establishment of the institute.

President Aquino in his message said, "This city also embodies



*President Aquino lays the time capsule together with (left to right) BCDA President and CEO Arnel Paciano Casanova, Chairperson Maria Aurora Geotina-Garcia, DPWH Secretary Rogelio Singson, DILG Secretary Mel Sarmiento and Capas Mayor Antonio Rodriguez during the ground breaking ceremony of the Clark Green City on 11 April 2016.*

our vision for a more resilient Philippines. It shows that we are learning from the lessons of the past, and putting more thought into securing ourselves from the risks brought about by climate change.

The number of 800,000 workers is roughly the amount of people that enter the labor force every year. With the Clark Green City, we will have opportunities for the new labor entrance."



*President Aquino delivers his message during the groundbreaking ceremony of the Clark Green City in Capas, Tarlac on 11 April 2016.*

"Clark Green City is an example of a development that has approached this problem strategically. It will not be flood prone, since its lowest elevation is 56 meters above sea level, while its central park will serve as a flood catchment basin. It also enjoys natural protection from typhoons, with the Sierra Madre to the West and the Zambales mountain range to the east." he added.

NDRRMC Executive Director and Civil Defense Administrator Usec Alexander P Pama attended and witnessed the ceremonial groundbreaking.



# INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS INTRODUCE PRE-DISASTER RECOVERY PLANNING

by Joe-Mar Perez

International Recovery Platform (IRP) in collaboration with the Manila Observatory, Philippine Disaster Recovery Foundation, SM Prime and OCD spearheaded a Pre-Disaster Recovery Planning Orientation at AIM Conference Center, Legaspi Village, Makati City on 29 April 2016.

IRP was established in the year 2005 in Kobe, Japan to support multi-stakeholder efforts in Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) through the formulation of strategies to aid the continuity of businesses and support local and national governance in post-disaster scenarios. It has developed the concept of Pre-Disaster Recovery Planning, a joint public-private-academe initiative to operationalize the “build back better” approach and help implement the priorities of the Sendai Framework for DRR.

OCD has enjoined officials from key NDRRMC Member Agencies to discuss the integration of this intervention in the DRRM mechanisms of the Council. Member Agencies represented in the orientation were DOST, DSWD, NEDA, DOH, DPWH, PHIVOLCS, AFP, GSIS as well as Makati City DRRM Office. Representatives from the PDRF network, private associations, NGOs and the academe were also present in the event.

During the opening ceremony, messages from partner institutions namely, Manila Observatory, SM Prime as part of Alliance for Disaster Resilient Societies, PDRF, NEDA and OCD were delivered. NDRRMC Executive Director and Civil Defense Administrator Usec Alexander P Pama in his message emphasized that the conduct of the event is an initial step of the Council to promote a more robust public-private sector collaboration in DRRM.

Experts from IRP lectured on pre-disaster recovery planning. After the discussions, a workshop on the formulation of pre-disaster recovery plan was conducted basing on the scenario of a 7.2 magnitude earthquake scenario that may hit Metro Manila.

IRP together with the organizers shall have follow-up activities such as meetings and workshops to jointly process and review the raw outputs and develop the pre-disaster recovery planning templates applicable to the Philippine setting.





# 5-YEAR OLD CHILD WINS 17TH GAWAD KALASAG HERO AWARD

by Karla Minorka M Aldea

"Pag nangyari ulit iyon, gagawin ko pa rin ang ginawa ko para sagipin ang Lola ko." (If it happens again, I will still do what I've done to save my grandmother), says Edmund Jon Nipay, a 5-year old boy from Jones, Isabela who saved his grandmother when he was three years old from a house fire on 17 July 2014.

According to Mr. Edgardo Nipay, Edmund Jon's father, he and his wife Rose left for Jones Public Market that morning to sell merienda when there was power interruption. Edmund Jon who usually goes with his parents to the market insisted to stay with his grandmother on that day.

At about ten o'clock in the morning, electricity at the Nipay's residence was restored and the sudden surge of electricity caused fire, prompting the grandmother to tell Edmund Jon run out of the house and save himself. While the house was on fire, Edmund Jon, though scared, tried



Five-year old Edmund Jon Nipay congratulated by NDRRMC Chairperson and National Defense Secretary Voltaire T Gazmin, as he receives his award for Heroic Act, Individual Category in the 17th Annual Gawad Kalasag.

his best to push his grandmother's wheelchair outside the house. "Tinulak ko po iyong wheelchair kasi po ayaw ko siyang mamatay," says Edmund Jon. Fortunately there were neighbors outside to assist them.

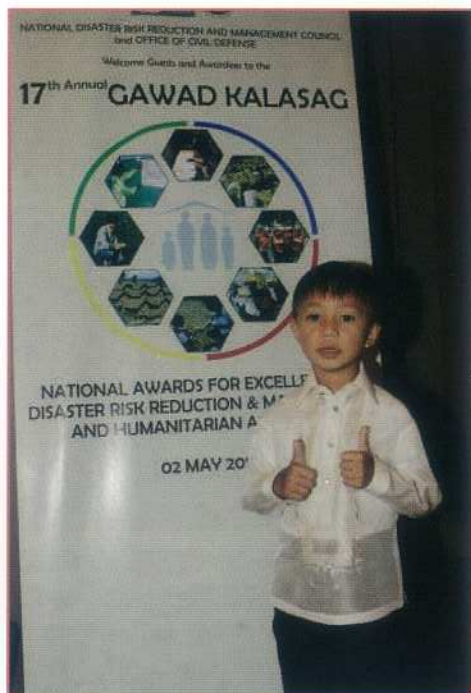
"Kailangan po ng Lola ko iyong salamin niya at cellphone para makahingi ng tulong kaya po bumalik ako para kunin iyon", he added.

Edmund Jon is one of the awardees of the 17th Annual Gawad KALASAG: Search for Excellence in Disaster Risk Reduction and Management and Humanitarian Assistance held on day, 02 May 2016 at the Chardonnay by Astoria, Pasig City. He was awarded the Heroic Act, Individual Category.

Gawad KALASAG is the country's premier annual awards for outstanding contribution in the fields of disaster risk reduction and management and humanitarian

assistance. It is the principal mechanism by which the NDRRMC advances awareness of the best practices on DRRM and humanitarian response and action. Moreover, it aims to appreciate individuals, groups or institutions which have shown extraordinary courage, heroism and sacrifice in times of emergencies, be it natural or human-induced.

Since its inception in 1998, the Gawad KALASAG award has been bestowed to 127 Local DRRMCs, 44 NGOs, 27 individuals and 135 groups/institutions. This year's awardees include seven (7) Best Local DRRMCs; one (1) Best Civil Society Organization; eleven (11) Private/Volunteer Organizations, Government Emergency Response Management, Schools and Hospitals; five (5) Heroic Act/Deed during Emergency Response and Rescue Operations; three (3) Special Recognitions; and six (6) Hall of Fame.





# 17<sup>th</sup> Annual GAWAD KALASAG



## NATIONAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

### BEST LOCAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT (DRRM) COUNCILS

Best Provincial DRRM Council - PROVINCE OF ISABELA  
Best City DRRM Council (Highly-Urbanized City) - PASIG CITY  
Best City DRRM Council (Component/Independent Component) - LEGAZPI CITY  
Best Municipal DRRM (1st - 3rd Class) - HINATUAN, SURIGAO DEL SUR  
Best Municipal DRRM (4th to 6th Class) - VILLAVERDE, NUEVA VIZCAYA  
Best Barangay DRRM Committee (Urban) - BRGY. ORO SITE, LEGAZPI CITY  
Best Barangay DRRM Committee (Rural) - BRGY. SAN JUAN, HINATUAN, SURIGAO DEL SUR

### CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATION, PRIVATE VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS, GOVERNMENT EMERGENCY RESPONSE MANAGEMENT, SCHOOLS AND HOSPITAL

Best Civil Society Organization - SIMON OF CYRENE, DARAGA, ALBAY  
Best Volunteer Organization - DAVAO FIREFIGHTERS AND RESCUE SERVICES  
Best Government Emergency Response Management (Basic) - DART TARLAC  
Best Government Emergency Response Management (Urban) - RESCUE 922 CAUAYAN CITY  
Best School (Public-Urban) - RABAT ROCAMORA MATI CENTRAL SCHOOL SPED CENTER  
Best School (Public-Rural) - D.Q. LIWAG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CAMARINES NORTE  
Best School (Private-Urban) - LORD'S HAND ACADEMY, PINAGBUHATAN, PASIG CITY  
Best School (Private-Rural) - OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP, LINAMON, LANA DEL NORTE  
Best Early Learning Center (Urban) - EARLY LEARNING CENTER, PROVINCE OF ISABELA  
Best Early Learning Center (Rural) - BRGY SIPITAN-BADIANG LEARNING CENTER, GUIMABAL, ILOILO  
Best Hospital (Government National) - BICOL REGIONAL TRAINING AND TEACHING HOSPITAL  
Best Hospital (Local Government) - JAMES GORDON HOSPITAL



*PASIG CITY: Hall of Fame Awardee for Best City DRRM Council (Highly-Urbanized City).*



*LEGAZPI CITY, Albay: Hall of Fame Awardee for Best City DRRM Council (Component/Independent Component).*



*BARANGAY ORO SITE, Legazpi City, Albay: Hall of Fame Awardee for Best Barangay DRRM Committee (Urban).*



# GAWAD KALASAG



## PRODUCTION AND MANAGEMENT AND HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

### SPECIAL AWARDS

Heroic Act (Individual) - EDMUND JON NIPAY  
Heroic Act (Individual) - CINSP ACHILLES M SANTIAGO  
Heroic Act (Group) - TAGOLOAN MUNICIPAL POLICE STATION  
Heroic Act (Group) - BFP AGUSAN DEL NORTE  
Heroic Act (Group) - AGUSAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, BUTUAN CITY  
Special Recognition Award (Individual) - BEN FREDERICK R RODRIGUEZ  
Special Recognition Award (Group) - UNIVERSITY OF SAN CARLOS, TALAMBAN CAMPUS  
Special Recognition Award (Group) - RAMON ABOITIZ FOUNDATION, INC.

### HALL OF FAME AWARDEES

Best City DRRM Council (Highly-Urbanized City) - PASIG CITY  
Best City DRRM Council (Component/Independent Component) - LEGAZPI CITY  
Best Barangay DRRM Committee (Urban) - BRGY. ORO SITE, LEGAZPI CITY  
Best Barangay DRRM Committee (Rural) - BRGY. SAN JUAN, HINATUAN, SURIGAO DEL SUR  
Best Civil Society Organization - SIMON OF CYRENE, DARAGA, ALBAY  
Best School (Public-Rural) - DQ LIWAG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CAMARINES NORTE



BARANGAY SAN JUAN, Hinatuan, Surigao del Sur: Hall of Fame Awardee for Best Barangay DRRM Committee (Rural).



SIMON OF CYRENE: Hall of Fame Awardee for Best Civil Society Organization.



D.Q. LIWAG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, Camarines Norte: Hall of Fame Awardee for Best School (Public-Rural Category).



# CIVIL DEFENSE ACROSS THE NATION



## OCD I Launches DRRM Radio

NDRRMC Executive Director and Civil Defense Administrator Usec Alexander P Pama speaks at the launching of the Civil Defense DRRM Radio at Hotel Ariana, Bauang, La Union on 04 May 2016. OCD I Director Melchito Castro organized the radio program with the aim to gain public interest and commitment in DRRM. Pronounced as "dream" radio, DRRM Radio envisions resilient communities through active participation in DRRM activities. *(Empress B Jaramillo)*



## OCD I Facilitates Contingency Planning Formulation Workshop

Fifty-two representatives from BFP 1, Philippine Army and Municipal DRRM Council Members map out the hazards and risk in Bantay, Ilocos Sur during the Contingency Planning Formulation Workshop held for the Municipality of Bantay on 11-14 April 2016 at Ovemar Resort Hotel, Ilocos Sur. *(Empress B Jaramillo)*



## OCD II Holds Local DRRM Officers' Convention

OCD II Regional Director Norma Talosig leads the Municipal and Provincial DRRMOs' Pledge of Commitment during the Local DRRM Officers' Convention at Pulsar Hotel, Tuguegarao City on 27-30 April 2016. OCD II led the convention with the theme, "Strengthening Linkages and Partnership through Disaster Frontliners". It aims to build camaraderie and establish effective coordination and in the implementation of DRRM programs in Region II. *(Mary May Soliva Baclig)*



## OCD II Spearheads Basic ICS Training

Men and women of the Coast Guard North Eastern Luzon discuss in their respective groups the creation of Incident Action Plan as one of the outputs during the Basic Incident Command System Training Course on 19-21 May 2016. OCD 2 in partnership with the Coast Guard District North Eastern Luzon (CGDNELZN) facilitated the training attended by personnel from the different station and sub-stations of CGDNELZN. *(Chona Cherry C Cepeda)*



# CIVIL DEFENSE ACROSS THE NATION

## OCD III Holds PDNA Training Course

Participants of the 5-day Post Disaster Needs Assessment Training Course for the Local Government of City of San Fernando join a group activity facilitated by OCD III in Bliss Hotel, San Fernando City, Pampanga on 11-15 April 2016. Twenty-nine participants completed training course geared towards the creation of a PDNA team for San Fernando, Pampanga. *(Diane Henie M Del Rosario)*



## OCD III Conducts Basic ICS Course

Team leader Gabriel Llave from LGU-Baler with his team simulates an Operational Period Briefing during the Basic Incident Command System (ICS) Course for Uniformed Personnel in Central Luzon on 17-19 May 2016 at Subic Travelers Hotel, Subic. OCD III spearheaded the conduct of the training with 39 participants from Northern Luzon Command, Philippine Army, Philippine Navy, PAF, PCG, BFP, PNP and LGU Baler. *(Diane Henie M Del Rosario)*



## OCD CALABARZON Leads Training for Teachers

OCD CALABARZON Regional Director Vicente F Tomazar calls on Batangas teachers to be advocates of disaster preparedness, safety and resilience in his message during the DRR-CCA Training for Teachers in Malvar, Batangas on 06 April 2016. OCD CALABARZON conducted the training in partnership with DepEd. One hundred forty teachers from the Province of Batangas joined in the training. *(Georgina R Garcia)*



## OCD CALABARZON Spearheads Staff and Command Post Exercises

OCD Regional Director Vicente Tomazar observes the discussion of Municipality Alpha on preemptive evacuation during the Staff and Command Post Exercise for Hydrometeorological hazards on 13 April 2016 at the Rizal Provincial Capital, Antipolo City, Rizal. A total of 58 participants composed of Local DRRM Officers and Provincial DRRM Council Members of Rizal joined the training. *(Georgina R Garcia)*





# CIVIL DEFENSE ACROSS THE NATION



## OCD MIMAROPA Holds Tsunami Evacuation Drill

Members of Calapan City DRRM Council and Rescue Volunteers pose during the tsunami evacuation drill held in Brgy San Rafael, Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro on 07 April 2016. Residents in low lying and coastal areas participated in the drill led by OCD MIMAROPA. It aims to educate the community members on coastal evacuation as well as assess the capabilities of the City Council in responding to emergencies. *(Mary An Aceveda)*



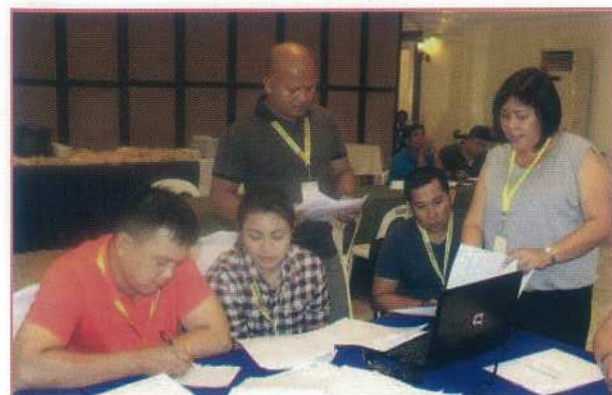
## OCD V Facilitates Municipal DRRM Plan Formulation Workshop

Members of the Municipal DRRM Council of Bulusan, Sorsogon pose during the 3-day Municipal DRRM Plan formulation at Boracay Bistro Resort, Bulusan, Sorsogon on 5-7 April 2016. The output of the activity is a semi-final draft of the Bulusan DRRM Plan which will serve as a roadmap in the implementation of DRRM programs in Bulusan *(Rachelle Ann L Miranda)*



## Joint Task Force for Palarong Pambansa 2016 Holds Mustering of Assets and SimEx

Members of the Joint Task Force for Security, Peace and Order, Emergency Preparedness and Response join in the ceremonial turnover of Event Action Plan to DepEd Region 5 and Albay Provincial Government on 07 April 2016 as Region 5 hosts Palarong Pambansa 2016. Consequent with the turnover, a simulation exercise and mustering of assets was held in Bicol University and Police Regional Office 5 grounds, respectively. *(Rachelle Ann L Miranda)*



## OCD VI Conducts PDRA Training of Trainers

Participants of the Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) Training of Trainers discuss over a table-top exercise conducted at Sarabia Manor Hotel and Convention Center, Iloilo City on 06-10 June 2016. OCD VI facilitated the training which aims to develop and train PDNA trainers to compose the PDNA team from the Provinces of Aklan, Antique, Capiz, Guimaras and Iloilo. *(Cherry Mae D Naranjo)*



# CIVIL DEFENSE ACROSS THE NATION

## OCD VII Joins DRR Info Fair Exhibition 2016

OCD VII Regional Director Olivia M Luces delivers her lecture on Inclusive DRR in the 1st Cebu Summit and Learning Event on Inclusive DRR 2016 at SM Seaside City, Cebu City on 20 May 2016. The event was co-organized by the Cebu Provincial DRRM Office and A2D Project—Research Group for Alternatives to Development Inc., which aims to enhance public awareness campaigns especially for Persons with Disabilities. *(Tashuana Aleman)*



## OCD X Conducts CBDRRM and PDRA Training of Trainers

Local DRRM Officers from Lanao del Norte and OCD 10 personnel join in a group photo during the Pre Disaster Risk Assessment Orientation and Community Based DRRM Training of Trainers held at Chali Beach Resort, Cagayan de Oro City on 06-10 June 2016. This aims to strengthen the LGU's capacity in addressing the impacts of a hazard through the conduct of PDRA. *(Maree Abigail N. Galvez)*



## OCD X Holds Flood Evacuation Drill

Residents of Barangay Poblacion, Pigcarangan and Bulod in Tubod, Lanao del Norte pay attention to a briefing before a flood evacuation drill conducted on 28 June 2016. OCD X in cooperation with the Municipal DRRM Council of Tubod and Provincial DRRM Office of Lanao del Norte led the flood evacuation drill for the three flood prone barangays. The activity aims to strengthen community preparedness among the Barangay DRRM committees and MDRRMC of Tubod. *(Maree Abigail Galvez)*



## OCD XI Reviews Mount Apo Forest Fire Response

Team members of the Mt Apo Forest Fire Operations pose during the After-Action Review and Lessons Learned Workshop at Grand Regal Hote, Lanang, Davao City on 4-5 May 2016. OCD XI facilitated the 2-day workshop to revisit the overall response during the Mt. Apo Forest Fire and improve the operationalization of ICS as well as to identify best practices, challenges and recommendations in the activation and deployment of an Incident Management Team. *(Mc Adrian B Cobero)*





# CIVIL DEFENSE ACROSS THE NATION



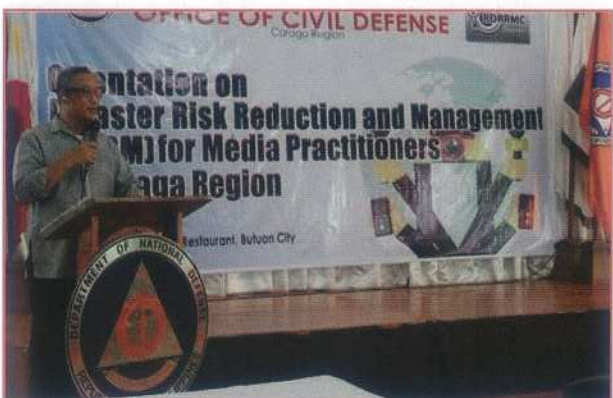
## **OCD XII Spearheads Basic ICS for Civilian and Uniformed Personnel**

Civilian and Uniformed personnel from Region XII join in a group photo with Civil Defense Deputy Administrator Director Romeo F Fajardo during the last day of the Basic Incident Command System Training course held in Phela Grande Hotel, General Santos City on 08-10 June 2016. A total of 36 participants from various Regional DRRM Council Member Agencies joined the training facilitated by OCD XII. *(Jorie Mae Balmediano)*



## **OCD CARAGA Holds Medical First Responder Course**

OCD CARAGA Regional Director Manuel Luis M Ochotorena poses with the participants of the 15-day Medical First Responder Course at the Agusan del Sur Provincial Learning Center on 15-28 May 2016. Twenty-three select local responders from the Local DRRM Councils and NGOs participated in the course which aims to capacitate the local responders who will become Accredited Community Disaster Volunteers in the region. *(April Rose Anne Y Sanchez)*



## **OCD CARAGA Conducts DRRM Orientation for Media**

OCD CARAGA Regional Director Manuel Luis Ochotorena presents on the role of OCD as the prime movers of DRRM during the DRRM Orientation for Media Practitioners in Caraga on 06 April 2016 at Goat 2 Geder Hotel, Butuan City. Other topics discussed include the roles of agencies responsible on the 4 thematic areas of DRRM. As part of the activity, the speakers and participants joined in a signing of commitment towards sustainable and collaborative efforts in DRRM. *(April Rose Ann Sanchez)*



## **OCD CAR Orients Ifugao Teachers on DRRM**

Public School Teachers in Ifugao perform the duck, cover and hold as part of the Earthquake Drill Simulation Exercise during the Basic DRRM Training Course held at Lagawe, Ifugao on 17-19 May 2016. OCD CAR facilitated the conduct of Basic DRRM Training Course for Public School Teachers in Ifugao. The course aims to stimulate DRRM and climate change awareness among public and private sectors. *(Franzes Ivy Carasi)*



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## OCD CAR Launches DRRM for Kids on Brigada Eskwela

Students from Lucban Elementary School receive school supplies during the DRRM for Kids held in Baguio City on 03 June 2016. More than three hundred Baguio and Benguet students, teachers and parents were informed with basic tips on disaster preparedness during the activity conducted on 2-3 June 2016 at Buyagan Elementary School, La Trinidad and Lucban Elementary School, Baguio City, respectively. *(Franzes Ivy Carasi)*



## OCD NIR Holds Basic ICS Training

Forty participants from various Regional DRRM Council Member Agencies, Provincial DRRM Council of Negros Occidental and private volunteer organizations in NIR participated in the 3-day Basic Incident Command System in Mambukal Mountain Resort, Negros Occidental on 17-19 May 2016. The training aims to enhance the participants' understanding of Incident Command System as a vital tool for effective disaster response. *(Olive Marie G Baylon)*



## OCD ARMM Spearheads Tsunami Drill in Sulu

Residents from Barangay Suh, Panamao, Sulu perform the duck cover and hold technique during a tsunami drill held on 26 May 2016. Almost 300 hundred residents participated in the drill led by OCD ARMM in collaboration with the Local Government Unit of Panamao, Sulu. The simulation exercise on tsunami aims to test communication systems used in earthquake and tsunami warnings and improve disaster preparedness and response mechanisms in the Municipality of Panamao. *(Gilmhar A Lao)*



## OCD ARMM Updates Local DRRM Officers on El Niño

OCD ARMM Operations Officer Engr. Amier Ashan Aplal orients Local DRRM Officers on El Niño during the 2nd quarter meeting on 26 April 2016 at OCD-ARMM Conference Hall, Maguindanao. Engr. Aplal reported that the April drought and dry spell outlook reveals that ARMM will likely experience drought. However, it is also the transition period towards Southwest monsoon (HABAGAT), and that isolated rainshowers and thunderstorms will likely be experienced within the month. *(Gilmhar A Lao)*





# CENTRAL OFFICE EVENTS



*Usec Alexander P Pama speaks during the Department of Foreign Affairs Regional Consultative Meeting for the Heads of Posts in the Americas on 13 April 2016.*



*Usec Alexander P Pama speaks with officials from other ASEAN countries during the teleconference conducted by AHA Centre on 19 April 2016.*



*Participants pose for a souvenir photo after the Philippine Disaster Recovery Foundation (PDRF) Forum on 29 April 2016.*



*Usec Alexander P Pama leads the orientation of newly-elected Local Chief Executives on the Philippine DRRM System on 16 June 2016.*



*Secretary Voltaire T Gazmin leads the signing of Memorandum of Agreement with Pugad Lawin Philippines, Inc. on 24 June 2016.*



*Officials from NDRRMC and OCD pose for a photo aboard the country's largest ship, the BRP Tarlac, on 29 June 2016.*

*Photos by Fred Abuda Jr  
Captions by Noel Mapalo*



## Awareness and Preparedness

# FLOOD

Floods are among the most frequent and costly natural disasters. Floods can be caused by a variety of factors, including a sudden accumulation of rain for several hours or days that saturates the ground, rising rivers and dam failures. Flash floods can occur due to rapidly rising water along a stream or low-lying area.

### BEFORE:

- Dispose your waste properly
- Turn on your TV/radio to receive the latest weather updates and emergency instructions.
- Prepare an evacuation plan together with your family member
- Know where to go. You may need to reach higher ground quickly on foot.
- Prepare or restock your emergency survival kit including flashlight, whistle, batteries, candles and matches, cash, and first aid supplies.

### DURING:

- Turn off the main switch or valve of your gas and electricity to help prevent fires and explosions.
- Avoid walking through flood waters
- Move immediately to higher ground and evacuate immediately if directed by your local government authorities.
- Follow the evacuation rules and regulations issued by authorities

### AFTER:

- Check and assess the house properly to avoid short faulty electrical wirings and power outage
- Avoid standing in water as it may be electrically charged from underground or downed power lines.
- Boil drinking water to avoid water-borne diseases.

(Bebeth Gador. Source: Project DINA Video)



Heavy rains brought by Typhoon Lando flooded areas in Central Luzon on October 2015. Photo from Malacañang Photo Bureau.

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