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NATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Center, Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City, Philippines

MEMORANDUM No. 13 s, 2016

FOR : NDRRMC Member Agencies

SUBJECT: CONDUCT OF CY 2016, 1st QUARTER NATIONWIDE

SIMULTANEOUS EARTHQUAKE DRILL (NSED)

DATE : 3 1 MAR 2016

The National Disaster Response Plan (NDRP) for Earthquake and Tsunami and OPLAN METRO YAKAL PLUS, were prepared in collaboration with the different government agencies, civic and international humanitarian organizations through the leadership of the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) and guidance of the Department of Social Welfare and Development as Vice-Chairperson for Response based on the lessons from previous disasters that hit the Philippines.

On the other hand, most of the LGUs have their own operational plan and/or manual for disaster response. Hence, it is required to confirm the consistency between the NDRP and manuals or unwritten protocols of each organization. The periodical executions of disaster response exercise based on the NDRP and related manuals are indispensable to effectively and efficiently sustain such plans.

In this regard, the CY 2016, 1st Quarter NSED is scheduled on 21 April 2016, 8:30AM, Thursday at the ceremonial site at the Haribon Area, Airforce City, Clark Airbase, Pampanga to:

- a. Conduct a nationwide simultaneous earthquake drills in the country and Clark Air Base (as the ceremonial area) in order to understand the impact of the 7.2M earthquake specifically Metro Manila and adjacent provinces;
- b. Understand the command and control mechanisms in disaster management operations of the NRDRRMC members, Metro Manila DRRMC, and the Assisting Regions based from RA 10121 and NDRP;
- c. Strengthen the interoperability between NDRRMC,RDRRMC, MMDRRMC, Assisting Regions and four (4) quadrants EOCs in Metro Manila through communications exercise:
- d. Test, assess, validate and evaluate NDRP for Earthquake and Tsunami, OPLAN "YAKAL Plus", Contingency Plan of the AFP Units at Clark Air Base; and Adjacent regional centers of OCD.
- e. Strengthen Response Clusters interagency planning mechanism through the Cluster Approach and other bridging mechanisms;
- Align all existing concepts of NDRRMC, RDRRMC, MMDRRMC, Humanitarian Civil-Military Coordination Systems, Cluster System, and ICS.

From the foregoing, you are hereby directed to spearhead the conduct of an **Earthquake Drill** in your respective agencies. Furthermore, you are advised to enhance the information dissemination on the forthcoming activity.

All IEC and advocacy activities should be documented and attached in the final report to be submitted to Operations Division, OCD at email address ocd_opnsdiv@yahoo.com <u>not later than 27 April 2016,</u> for consolidation and submission to the Chairperson, NDRRMC.

By the Authority of the Chairperson:

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