# NATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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

## **NDRRMC UPDATE**

**Eruption Notification on Bulusan Volcano** 

**Releasing Officer** 

Executive Director, NDRRMC and Administrator, OCD

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Source: DOST-PHIVOLCS

#### I. SITUATION OVERVIEW

As of 9:16 AM today, 23 December 2010, an ash explosion was observed at Bulusan Volcano (12°46.2'N, 124°03'E) estimated at 500 meters above the crater rim drifting to the south southwest direction. No rumbling sound and the ash was in light gray color.

### ALERT LEVEL 1 remains in effect over Bulusan Volcano:

- The public is strongly advised not to venture inside the 4-kilometer radius Permanent Danger Zone (PDZ) because the area is at risk to sudden steam and ash explosions.
- Due to the prevailing wind direction, residents located in the northwest and southwest sectors of the volcano are reminded to take precautions against ashfalls.
- Civil Aviation authorities must also warn pilots to avoid flying close to the volcano's summit as ejected ash and volcanic fragments from sudden explosions may pose hazards to aircrafts.
- Furthermore, residents near valleys and river/stream channels should be vigilant against sediment-laden stream flows and lahars in the event of heavy and continuous rainfall.

#### II. ACTIONS TAKEN:

- NDRRMC-OPCEN disseminated said notification to RDRRMC-OCD Region 5 through SMS, facsimile, website and NDRRMC Twitter account for further dissemination to their respective local DRRMCs from the provincial down to the municipal levels
- DOST-PHIVOLCS is closely monitoring Bulusan Volcano's activity and any significant development will be immediately relayed to all concerned