

NATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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NDRRMC UPDATE

Tsunami Bulletin No. 2

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I. SITUATION OVERVIEW:

TSUNAMI ALERT LEVEL 2 Be on Alert for Unusual Waves

A strong distant earthquake occurred near East Coast of **HONSHU, JAPAN** at **01:46 PM** (Philippine Time), located at 38.0°N, 142.5°E with depth of 10 km and a **preliminary magnitude of 8.8**.

PHIVOLCS TSUNAMI ALERT LEVEL is now 2. The concerned public is advised to **BE ON ALERT FOR UNUSUAL WAVES**. Based on tsunami wave models and early tide gauge records of the tsunami in the Pacific, coastal areas in Philippine Provinces fronting the Pacific Ocean is expected to experience wave heights of at most **1 meter**. **The first tsunami waves will arrive between 5 PM to 7 PM, March 11, 2011 (Philippine time)** and may not always be the largest. These waves may continue for hours.

People are advised to **STAY AWAY FROM THE SJHORELINE DURING THIS PERIOD**. People **SHOULD NOT GO TO THE COAST TO WATCH THE TSUNAMI**. People whose houses are very near coastal areas facing the Pacific Ocean are strongly advised to go farther inland.

Only the coastal areas fronting the Pacific Ocean of the following provinces should keep watch:

- **Batanes Group of Islands**
- **Cagayan**
- **Northernmost areas of Ilocos Norte**
- **Isabela**
- **Quezon**

- Aurora
- Camarines Norte
- Camarines Sur
- Albay
- Catanduanes
- Sorsogon
- Northern Samar
- Eastern Samar
- Leyte
- Southern Leyte
- Surigao del Norte
- Surigao del Sur
- Davao Oriental
- Davao del Sur

Owners of boats in harbors, estuaries or shallow water of the above-mentioned provinces should secure their boats and move away from the water front. Boats already at sea during this period should stay off-shore in deep waters until further advised.

II. ACTIONS TAKEN:

- NDRRMC Advisory on **Tsunami Bulletin No. 2** were disseminated to concerned OCD Regions through SMS, facsimile and website for further dissemination to their respective local DRRMCs from the provincial down to the municipal levels
 - The Executive Director, NDRRMC USEC Benito Ramos conducted a press briefing due to influx of media at the NDRRMC Operation Center to inform the press people that the government is under control once the Philippines is affected
 - Likewise, the public are advised not to panic but be alert and go to the higher grounds
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