

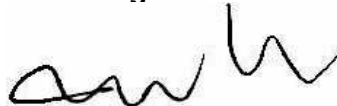
# **NATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

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## **NDRRMC UPDATE**

### **Emergency Response Bulletin No. 2 re: Nuclear Emergency in Japan**

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#### **1. OVERVIEW:**

##### **DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DOST) ADVISES THE PUBLIC NOT TO BELIEVE IN HOAX MESSAGES**

- Department of Science and Technology Secretary Mario Montejo said that the public should not believe in rumors that the alleged nuclear meltdown in Fukushima, or other places in Japan threatens to affect other places with radiation
- The advice circulating that people should stay indoors and to wear raincoats if they go outdoors has no basis and did not come from Department of Science and Technology (DOST) or the National Disaster Risk and Reduction Management Council (NDRRMC)

##### **DOST CLARIFIES THAT THERE IS NO IMMEDIATE DANGER TO THE PHILIPPINES**

- DOST advises the public not to believe these rumors currently spreading through text messages, e-mails, the internet, and other means of communication
- DOST also advises the public not to entertain these rumors and to stop forwarding such messages so as not to sow panic among the people
- DOST maintains a 24/7 link-up with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the highest authority on nuclear matters for advice on current situation of the Fukushima Daiichi Plant. Available data do not indicate any immediate threats to the Philippines
- DOST is committed to bringing accurate, reliable, and timely information regarding the Fukushima event and its possible effects to the Philippines
- For more queries, please call DOST-PNRI Emergency Response Center at (632) 929-4719 or 920-8738

#### **2. ACTIONS TAKEN:**

- NDRRMC Advisory - Emergency Response Bulletin No. 2 on the Nuclear Emergency in Japan was disseminated to all regions through facsimile and website for further dissemination to their respective Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Councils (LDRRMCs) from the provincial down to the municipal levels