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NDRRMC Prepares for Another NoKor Launch

The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council Technical Management Group (NDRRMC TMG) met on Saturday, 08 December 2012 to discuss the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) Satellite/Rocket Launch which is likely to take place on 10-12 December 2012.

The TMG discussed measures for civil defense and public safety. Pre-positioning of equipment, emergency response teams and issuance of warnings for shipping, fishing and flights in the projected path of the satellite/rocket were tackled.

As in the previous DPRK launch in April this year, the following agencies will implement pre-emptive measures:

- Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP) for NO FLY ZONE.
- Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) for NO SAIL ZONE.
- Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) for Notice to MARINERS (NOTAM).
- Philippine Navy (PN) sea assets will augment PCG.
- Philippine Air Force (PAF) to preposition aircrafts for response.
- Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) to prepare for Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT).
- Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) will direct Local Government Units (LGUs) to enforce NO FISHING ZONE.

Other agencies such as the Philippine Nuclear Research Institute (PNRI) will activate their Radiological Plan while Philippine Red Cross (PRC) will continue community-based preparedness. DILG will oversee as Vice Chair for Preparedness in close coordination with the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) – Department of National Defense (DND).

The NDRRMC OpCen is operating on "Red Alert" status and continuously monitoring information relative to the said launching. The public will be informed as soon as they are obtained from appropriate sources.