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## **PRESS RELEASE**

## NDRRMC Breaks Ground for 3-in-1 DRRM Facility in Fort Magsaysay

Fort Magsaysay, Nueva Ecija, 08 February 2013 - As part of the continuing effort to bolster the efficiency of our Regional Disaster Reduction and Management Councils providing (RDRRMCs) in support to the citizenry before, during and after calamities, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) initiated the construction of a 3-in-1 facility through ground breaking ceremony at Fort Magsaysay, Nueva Ecija today.



NDRRMC Executive Director USec Eduardo D Del Rosario leads the ground breaking ceremony for the DRRM 3-in-1 Facility in Fort Magsaysay, Nueva Ecija.

The ground breaking ceremony was graced by NDRRMC Executive Director and Civil Defense Administrator USec Eduardo D. Del Rosario; BGen Roberto D Domines Jr AFP, Assistant Division Commander, 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division of the Philippine Army; and Col Arnold F Fernandez PA, Deputy Commander of 54<sup>th</sup> Engineering Brigade of the Philippine Army.

The construction of this Php46M-worth facility, which will be undertaken by the 522<sup>nd</sup> Engineering Construction Battalion, 54<sup>th</sup> EBde, PA, is expected to be completed in approximately 7-8 months.

Conceptualized by NDRRMC Chairperson and Defense Secretary Voltaire T. Gazmin, the 3-in-1 facility will consist of an aircraft maintenance hangar, a warehouse and an office space for the Office of Civil Defense (OCD). This is the first of a series of five projects designed to serve as logistics base and supply storage center ready to serve people who will be affected by disasters.

Other similar DRRM facilities will be constructed in key locations of the archipelago, namely: Legaspi City, Albay; Tacloban City, Leyte; Cagayan de Oro City, Misamis Oriental and Butuan City, Agusan del Norte.