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NATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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

MEMORANDUM
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**TO : ALL NDRRMC MEMBER AGENCIES
ALL RDRRMC CHAIRPERSONS
METRO MANILA DRRMC MEMBER AGENCIES**

SUBJECT: Conduct of the CY 2021 Quarterly Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill

Rule 6, Section 7 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the RA 10121 states that "Public awareness shall also be undertaken through the conduct of drills by the LDRRMO on a regular basis". Likewise, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Plan (NDRRMP) states that one of the activities to achieve Outcome 10: "Developed and implemented comprehensive national and local preparedness and response policies, plans and systems" is to develop/ enhance and simulate scenario-based preparedness and response plans. Furthermore, one of the policy frameworks stated in the National Disaster Preparedness Plan as embedded in the fourth priority area of the Sendai Framework for Action 2015-2030 includes the target: "to promote regular disaster preparedness, response and recovery exercises".

In view hereof, the schedule for the CY 2021 Quarterly Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill (NSED) and Observance of World Tsunami Awareness Day is hereby disseminated with the corresponding National Ceremonial Venue:

Quarter	Date/Time	Target Audience	Ceremonial Venue
1 st Quarter	11 March 2021 1400H	Women, Children, Youth and Students, Senior Citizens	Online
2 nd Quarter	10 June 2021 0900H	Urban Poor, Non-Government Organizations, Formal Labor and Migrant Workers, Informal Sector Workers	
3 rd Quarter	09 September 2021 1400H	Farmers and Landless Rural Workers, Indigenous Peoples, Cooperatives, MSME Sector	Baguio City, Benguet
4 th Quarter	11 November 2021 0900H	Persons with Disabilities, Victims of Disasters and Calamities, Fisherfolks	TBD

Moreover, the 14 Basic Sectors shall serve as the focus or target audience for this year's NSED. This aims to highlight the earthquake preparedness efforts for and by the basic sector in pursuit of building a more resilient community.

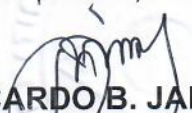
All NDRRMC member agencies, Metro Manila and RDRRMC member agencies and Regional Chairpersons of all RDRRMCs are enjoined to spearhead the conduct of earthquake drill in their areas of jurisdiction.

Furthermore, in compliance with the minimum public health standards, traditional forms of exercises requiring physical interaction and leading to mass gathering, particularly evacuation drills, shall no longer be conducted as part of NSED during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Please see attached NDRRMC Memorandum No. 71, s.2020 Interim Guidelines on the conduct of the Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill (NSED) during the COVID-19 Pandemic dated 01 September 2020.

Proper documentation and conduct of the Post Activity Evaluation is encouraged. Result of the analysis and documentation should be submitted to the OCD Capacity Building and Training Service through electronic mail at cbts@ocd.gov.ph not later than 20 days after the activity for consolidation and submission to the Chairperson, NDRRMC.

For information and guidance.

For the Chairperson, NDRRMC:


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