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## **NDRRMC Conducts Camp Aguinaldo-wide earthquake drill**

The National Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council (NDRRMC) conducted a Camp Aguinaldo-wide earthquake drill today, to prepare the camp and its community in the event of a strong earthquake.

The drill, conducted simultaneously, included all tenants and occupants of Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City. The drill is part of the continuing implementation of the Four Point Plan of Action on Disaster Preparedness particularly on public information and education through the conduct of drills and exercises. This exercise is conducted quarterly following the Pakistan earthquake in 2005.

“By the dictates of the dire needs for human survival, we have committed ourselves to this very important exercise, that rightly and timely executed during the advent of earthquakes would ensure our personal protection and safety,” Defense Secretary Voltaire Gazmin said.

Some 70 units and offices within the camp participated in the drill. The exercise showcased the capabilities of the Camp General Hospital, Camp Fire Department, NCRCOM, AFPRESCOM and the Bureau of Fire Protection HAZMAT Teams.

These capabilities include water and land rescue, collapsed building and high angle rescue, establishment of communications and emergency medical teams, air search and rescue, medical services, evacuation and bio-hazard retrieval.

“We should always be able to know exactly what to do and when to do it, during the coming of natural disasters. And that is precisely what we have intended to do this morning,” Sec Gazmin said.

“What we did this morning, nobody else can do for us. For what we have just done is a matter that we must do ourselves, as nobody can substitute for us on the issue of personal survival.”

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