DND participates in ADAS 2014

In light of the evolving and complex defense and security situation in the Asia Pacific region and in recognition of the remarkable progress of the Armed Forces of the Philippines in its ongoing modernization program, the Asian Defence, Security & Crisis Management Exhibition & Conference (ADAS) 2014 was held in Manila on July 17-18, 2014 at the World Trade Center, Pasay City.

ADAS 2014 was a trade show featuring international and local exhibitors engaged in areas of Defense, Security and Civil Defense industries.

The Department of National Defense (DND), working closely with APAC EXPO PTE LTD, the organizers of ADAS 2014, led the agencies and organizations that participated in the event.

Alongside the Armed Forces of the Philippines, other DND bureaus were also involved in the event such as the Government Arsenal (GA) and the Office of Civil Defense (OCD).
Defense Secretary Voltaire T. Gazmin welcomed the participants and guests to the event during the formal launch of the exhibition.

“ADAS 2014, through its international exhibitors, will allow our agencies to take a real look at the defense, security, and disaster management products and services and for us to be able to determine our genuine requirements,” Secretary Gazmin said.

The DND and the AFP also invited relevant defense and military officials from our ASEAN neighbors and other partner countries.

Since ADAS 2014 also featured crisis management, the DND, through the OCD, organized a forum on Disaster Risk Reduction and Management, and invited local chief executives in Metro Manila to attend the event.

As the guest of honor, President Benigno S. Aquino III said, “All that we have achieved in this sector is not only because of our all-out support for our troops, but also because we are guaranteeing companies a level-playing field—that our decisions will be made based on which bid offers maximum benefit to our troops for the best possible price.”

President Aquino also noted, “Clearly, if this event is any indication, we have no plans of slowing down.”

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