Humvee ambulances distributed to AFP, Papal Visit security contingent awarded

Twenty-three new High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles (HMMWV), or “Humvee” ambulances, were turned over to the Armed Forces of the Philippines for distribution to Philippine Army units during a blessing and turnover ceremony held on January 26, 2015, at the AFP General Headquarters.

The Humvee ambulances were acquired by the AFP through the Foreign Military Sales (FMS) transaction, and will be issued to the Philippine Army as part of its Forward Health Service Support System Requirement under the Philippine Defense Reform Program.
Defense Secretary Voltaire T. Gazmin awards a Military Merit Medal to BGen Marcelo B Javier Jr AFP (RES), Commanding General of the 15th Infantry Division (Ready Reserve), Philippine Army. The 15th Infantry Division (Ready Reserve) formed part of the joint task group that secured the Pope during the activities held at the SM Mall of Asia and the Luneta Grandstand from January 15 to 19, 2015.

In the same program, Secretary of National Defense Voltaire T. Gazmin and AFP Chief of Staff General Gregorio Pio P Catapang Jr led the conferment of the Military Merit Medals to the members of the Armed Forces involved in the security operations undertaken during the historic visit of Pope Francis on January 15 to 19.

The officers and enlisted personnel were recognized for their invaluable contribution in planning, supervising, and execution of security arrangements that led to a peaceful and secure Papal Visit. ###