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President Duterte appoints Undersecretary of National Defense

The recent appointment of Cardozo M. Luna as Undersecretary of National Defense completes the roster of undersecretaries in the Department of National Defense (DND). Undersecretary Luna took his oath before Defense Secretary Delfin N. Lorenzana on November 14, 2016 in simple ceremonies at the DND in Camp Aguinaldo

Undersecretary Luna graduated from the Philippine Military Academy in 1975. He also holds a degree in Master of Arts in Economic Development from the University of the Philippines and is a Ph.D candidate at the University of Pennsylvania.

He was a decorated soldier who served as Commander of two unified commands, the Eastern Mindanao Command (EASTMINCOM), from 2007-2008 and the Central Command (CENTCOM) from 2006-2007.

Undersecretary Luna capped his successful military career with his retirement from the Armed Forces of the Philippines as Vice Chief of Staff in 2009, in view of his nomination as Philippine Ambassador to the Netherlands, a position which he held in the same year. It

was during his ambassadorship in Netherlands when the Philippines became a member of the Hague Conference on Private International Law and a member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration.

He became a member of the Board of Trustees of the Armed Forces and Police Savings and Loans Association in 2011, and later on its President and Chief Executive Officer. #####

