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DND holds briefing for visiting international journalists



The Department of National Defense held a briefing for the Manila leg of the 2017 Senior Journalists Seminar hosted by the East West Center, in coordination with the Philippine Press Institute on 18 September 2017 in Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City.

Officials from the Department and the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), led by Undersecretary of National Defense Cardozo M. Luna and Undersecretary for Defense Operations Cesar B. Yano, provided an overview of the current national security issues, particularly on counterterrorism and counterinsurgency.



Dir. Peter Galvez (Office of the Assistant Secretary for Plans and Programs), Atty. Patrick Rubin (Chief, DND Internal Audit Service), and DND Public Affairs Chief Dir. Arsenio R. Andolong joined Undersecretary Luna and Undersecretary Yano in answering questions fielded by the journalists during the open forum session.

Topics of particular interest included the bilateral relations of the Philippines with allied countries, including Australia and the United States, as well as the ongoing situation and the subsequent rehabilitation in the City of Marawi.



A total of 12 journalists from Australia, India, Indonesia, Kuwait, Malaysia, Nigeria, Philippines, Tunisia, Turkey and the United States were part of the delegation. The DND is one of the government institutions included in the 23-day seminar which the the group is scheduled to visit.

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