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Assistant Secretary, Director, newest addition to the Defense team



Secretary Lorenzana administers the oath of office to incoming Assistant Secretary for Plans and Programs, retired Major General Angelito M. De Leon, on June 26, 2018, at the EDSA Lounge of the Department of National Defense.



Secretary Lorenzana with the newly designated Director James A. Layug at the oath taking ceremony held on July 2, 2018, at the EDSA Lounge of the Department of National Defense.

Secretary Delfin N. Lorenzana led oath taking ceremonies for an Assistant Secretary and a Director to officially join the One Defense Team.

Retired Major General Angelito M. De Leon was designated as Assistant Secretary for Plans and Programs on June 21, 2018, and formally took his oath on June 26, 2018 at the Department of National Defense, while former Bureau of Customs Director James A. Layug is now a DND Director assigned to the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Installations and Self-Reliant Defense Posture. Director Layug took his oath on July 2, 2018, same date as his official designation.

ASec De Leon is a member of the Philippine Military Academy (PMA) Class of 1984 and was previously the Commander of the 7th Infantry Division of the Philippine Army based in Fort Magsaysay, in Nueva Ecija. His former designations include Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations (J3) and Chief of the AFP Command Center, to name a few.

Director Layug, on the other hand, is a member of PMA Class of 1995. His most recent government post was Director of Port Operations Service, AOCG and Chief of the Anti-Smuggling Unit of the Office of the Commissioner at the Bureau of Customs. He was a former AFP Officer with the rank of Lieutenant Senior Grade in the Philippine Navy, wherein he served for 20 years.

ASec De Leon shared that when he was in the military service, he was involved in the planning activities in the Department and expressed enthusiasm at being back with a new role.

“I promise to serve at the Department of National Defense with dedication to fulfill the programs of our President and our Secretary of National Defense. I am very glad to be back and I look forward to seeing you all in the future,” the Defense official said in Filipino.

For his part, Director Layug said, “Now, I am here appointed to be part of this great institution. I would like to thank President Rodrigo Roa Duterte for the trust and confidence he has placed on me. I would like to thank Secretary Lorenzana and the One Defense Team for accepting me as a member of the family.” ###