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Japanese Defense Chief strengthens cooperation with the Philippines



Defense Secretary Voltaire T. Gazmin and Japanese Defense Minister Itsunori Onodera lead the talks during the Philippines-Japan Defense Bilateral Meeting held on December 7, 2013 at the EDSA Lounge in the Department of National Defense, Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City.



Minister of Defense of Japan Itsunori Onodera conveyed sincere condolences to the victims of Typhoon Yolanda during his visit to Department of National Defense on December 7, 2013. Minister Onodera also conducted on-site visit to the areas affected by Typhoon Yolanda to determine the support for the recovery and reconstruction phase to be provided by the government of Japan. He and Defense Secretary Voltaire T. Gazmin also shared views on the East Asia security environment during the defense bilateral meeting between the Philippines and Japan.



Japanese Defense Minister Itsunori Onodera answers questions from the media during his visit to the Department of National Defense on December 7, 2013. The press conference is part of the Minister's two-day visit to the Philippines, along with the inspection of Japan Disaster Relief Team and inspection of the typhoon-affected areas in Tacloban.



Defense Minister of Japan Itsunori Onodera addresses the delegates to the Multinational Coordination Center (MNCC) in Camp General Aguinaldo during his visit on December 7, 2013 at the Department of National Defense. The MNCC integrates the relief and rehabilitation operations in the areas in the Visayas region affected by Typhoon Yolanda.

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