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Official Visit to the DND of US Ambassador Goldberg



Defense Secretary Voltaire T. Gazmin receives United States Ambassador to the Philippines Philip S. Goldberg at the Department of National Defense on December 16, 2013. During the visit, Ambassador Goldberg and Secretary Gazmin discussed the situation in Tacloban, Leyte, as well as the proposed enhanced defense cooperation between the United States and the Philippines.

In their meeting, Ambassador Goldberg detailed the aid extended by the United States for the aftermath of Typhoon Yolanda. The first phase of the relief efforts has already ended, including rescue and recovery, giving way to the start of the second phase that includes rehabilitation and rebuilding.

Furthermore, Ambassador Goldberg and Secretary Gazmin exchanged viewpoints on the peace situation in the country as well as the constitutionality of the framework agreement for the Enhanced Defense Cooperation between the Philippines and the United States. It was stressed in the meeting that the “Philippine interest will be of great priority” in the agreement currently under negotiation between the two countries.

Ambassador Goldberg was sworn in as US envoy to the Philippines on November 21, 2013.

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