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PH-Myanmar to strengthen defense relations

The Philippines and Myanmar are planning to bolster their defense relations, following the visit of a top defense official from the Union of Myanmar at the Department of National Defense in Camp Aguinaldo.

During the courtesy call of Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Commander-in-Chief of the Myanmar Defense Services on July 2, 2014, Secretary of National Defense Voltaire T. Gazmin expressed the DND's commitment in strengthening PH-Myanmar defense relations.

"We look forward to the possibility of having a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in Defense Cooperation with Myanmar, which can serve as a framework to promote Defense Cooperation between our two countries," Secretary Gazmin said.

"The MOU will enable us to cooperate in various fields, such as defense dialogues, education, and training exchanges, among others," he added.

Secretary Gazmin also thanked Senior General Min Aung Hliang for the assistance rendered by the Myanmar Government to Filipinos affected by Super Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda) in November 2013 and congratulated Myanmar's successful hosting of the 24th ASEAN Summit on May 10 and 11, 2014, and the 8th ASEAN Defense Minister's Meeting (ADMM) on May 18-22, 2014.

"I look forward to visiting Myanmar again for the ADMM retreat in Bagan, Myanmar, on November 18 and 19, 2014," Gazmin said in closing.