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## DND joins Oplan Payanig



The Department of National Defense joined this year's Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill organized by the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council, Office of Civil Defense, Metro Manila Development Authority, Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology, and various local government units.

In his address during the pilot activity hosted by the Marikina City Government on March 27, 2015, Defense Secretary Voltaire T. Gazmin stressed the importance of the country's preparedness efforts. "Our goal in making the Philippines a safe, resilient and adaptive nation is based on our appreciation of the lessons learned from our past experiences with disasters," Secretary Gazmin said.

"These lessons made us realize that our reactive stance does not mitigate the effects of disasters. We need to be proactive and we should act before disasters strike, so as to reduce to the lowest possible level the damage that may be incurred," he added.

Offices of the national government, and most of the headquarters of international and national corporations, and businesses joined the exercise. ###