

SAN JUAN CITY CONDUCTS EARTHQUAKE DRILL WITH THE PHILIPPINE NAVY AND MARINES

In accordance with the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council's (NDRRMC) announcement of the 4th quarter National Earthquake Drill (NSED), San Juan City, headed by Mayor Francis Zamora, conducted a full-scale earthquake drill earlier today, Nov. 10, 2022, at the San Juan City Hall Open Grounds.

"Ito po ay isang napakahalagang drill dahil hindi natin alam kung kailan mangyayari ang "The Big One" dito sa Metro Manila. Umaasa tayong hindi mangyayari ito, pero handa po tayo. Alam natin kung saan ang triage area, ang Incident Command Post, ang evacuation area, ang helipad. Siniseryoso natin ito dahil hindi natin alam kung mamayang gabi o bukas ay dumating na dahil buhay po ng tao ang ating pinag-uusapan dito," said Mayor Zamora.



Present in the exercise were members of the Philippine Navy, Philippine Marine Corps, Joint Task Force-NCR, Bureau of Fire Protection, and Philippine National Police to provide manpower and assistance in ensuring the safety and security of the injured victims. The city's disaster response

team practiced the evacuation of city hall and barangay employees, triage and tagging of injured victims, patient vehicle extrication, and helicopter medical evacuation with a helicopter from the Philippine Navy, which was the highlight of the drill. All 13 public schools of San Juan City participated in the simultaneous earthquake drill with San Juan National High School also evacuating to the Pinaglabanan Shrine. Nearby barangays brought their injured victims to the triage area in the shrine to get medical assistance from the emergency team.



"Nagpapasalamat kami sa Philippine Navy at Joint Task Force NCR sapagkat nabigyan kami ng pagkakataon na masubukan ang aming sarili. Kaya ba naming mag-evacuate at mag-rescue ng mga mamamayan namin kung tamaan tayo ng 7.2 magnitude earthquake? I'm very satisfied with what I saw. 'Yung presence ng Philippine Navy ay napakaimportante. It's really a multi-sectoral at multi-department effort," Mayor Zamora declared.

Mayor Zamora noted that aside from the Pinaglabanan Shrine as the main evacuation area in San Juan, the football open field in Xavier School as well as the Greenhills Open Parking will serve as the city's evacuation areas should a major earthquake hit the city.

Teachers and pupils of San Juan City participate in the 4th Quarter National Simultaneous Earthquake Drill.

All 21 barangays of San Juan City joined the LGU in the 4th Quarter National Simultaneous Earthquake Drill. The BDRRMs and their day cares conducted the drill with the barangays sending their injured to the Pinaglabanan Shrine for triaging and airlift.

