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CONDUCT OF THE CY 2007 2nd QUARTER EARTHQUAKE DRILL

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau Directors
Directors of Services/Centers and Heads of Units
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools
All Others Concerned

1. One of the ways to ensure disaster risk reduction in schools and in offices is the conduct of drills. Earthquake Drills were already conducted many times in compliance with the directive of President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo to conduct quarterly earthquake drills not only in public and private schools but also in all government offices. This way, schoolchildren as well as government employees will know what to do before, during and after the occurrence of an earthquake, thereby reducing the impact of this hazard to the populace.
2. In view of this, the National Disaster Coordinating Council, after consultation with member agencies issued a Memorandum dated June 13, 2007, Directing all Chairmen of Regional Disaster Coordinating Councils to Conduct the 2007 2nd Quarter Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill.
3. In compliance with the Presidential directive and considering the need to instill resilient attitudes among the children and DepED employees, the CY 2007 2nd Quarter Earthquake Drill shall also be conducted on July 27, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in all public and private schools as well as in DepED offices nationwide. The ceremonial pressing of the button shall be in an industrial plant in Region IV-A.
4. All participating schools and offices are advised to conduct an orientation on "How to Conduct an Earthquake Drill in Schools and in DepED Offices," references of which are available at PHILVOLCS website: www.phivolcs.dost.gov.ph. A consolidated report of this activity shall be reported to the Physical Facilities and Schools Engineering Division (PFSED), Office of Planning Service (OPS), DepED Central Office, Pasig City a week after the drill through fax nos. (02) 633-72-63, 637-64-64 or through LBC courier.
5. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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Secretary

Reference:

DepED Memorandum: No. 300, s. 2006

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