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**CONDUCT OF THE 2ND QUARTER NATIONWIDE SIMULTANEOUS
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. Pursuant to Memorandum Directive No. 10, s. 2010 of the National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC) dated May 17, 2010, the 2nd Quarter Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill will be conducted on June 18, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. The said Memorandum Directive also stated the instructions from the NDCC Chairman on the expanded and continuing conduct of the quarterly nationwide simultaneous earthquake drills as directed by the President of the Philippines since 2006.

2. This activity will adopt the theme "*One Nation, One People, One Response*" of the Table Top Exercise on Earthquake Drill at the National Capital Region (TX-NCR-EQ-DR) which was held last April 16, 2010. During the activity, the need for regular exercises with focus on schools, commercial establishments, hospitals and government facilities including military/police camps were identified.

3. For this quarter's earthquake drill, the Benigno Aquino National High School in Makati City will be the venue of the ceremonial pressing of the button to start the drill, wherein the Secretaries of Department of Education (DepEd), Department of Science and Technology (DOST), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of National Defense, and Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) are expected to attend. After the ceremonial pressing of the button, the Ortigas Center Association, Inc. in Pasig City followed by the East Avenue Medical Center and Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, both in Quezon City, will be showcasing the capabilities of local responders on actions like building evacuation, Incident Command System, triage of mass casualties, collapsed structure, search and rescue, fire suppression and PAF helicopter hoist/rescue.

4. In view of this, all public and private schools are encouraged to join the conduct of the said drill to demonstrate their capabilities and preparedness and inculcate in the minds of the school children the proper responses before, during and after an earthquake. For guides on how to conduct earthquake drills in schools, please contact PHIVOLCS at tel. nos.: (02) 426-1468 to 70 or visit PHIVOLCS website: <http://www.phivolcs.dot.gov.ph>.



5. All reports relative to the conduct of the 2nd quarter national simultaneous earthquake drill shall be submitted to the National Coordinating Council (NDCC) copy furnished the Office of Undersecretary Antonio A. Inocentes, DepEd Central Office, Ground Floor, Rizal Building 1, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City.

6. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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Secretary

Reference:

DepED Memorandum: No. 320, s. 2008

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