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“LAMANG ANG MAY ALAM”



“*Lamang ang may alam,*” slogan of *Kuya Kim Atienza* shared by Dr. Marc Valeros of the Bureau of Working Conditions as introduction to his presentation on disaster management held on the first Monday of July 2018 at the Local Governance Learning Center (LGLC), Blas Ople Hall, Intramuros, Manila.

The Philippines, being situated at the Pacific typhoon belt, makes it a most frequented country by typhoons. Based on statistical records, the Philippines has been recorded to experience an average of twenty (20) typhoons a year, five (5) of which are said to be destructive.

In response to the predicament of the Philippines, Republic Act No. 10121, otherwise known as *The Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010*, was issued on 27 May 2010 and became effective on 24 June 2010. Pursuant to the same Act, July of every year was likewise instituted as the National Disaster Resilience Month.

As has been noted by Dr. Valeros, home and workplace preparedness is a must to every individual. It may well be noted from a quote that “failing to plan is planning to fail.” Hence, action steps for disaster preparedness was presented as follows: “get informed, make a plan, assemble a disaster and ‘go’ kit, maintain your plan and kits, address individual special needs and conduct periodic drills.”

It is conclusive to say that the presentation on disaster management delivered by Dr. Valeros is timely for all DOLE employees with the impending rainy season lurking around the corner. In resonance to this year’s National Disaster Resilience Month theme, may we all be reminded that “katatagan sa kalamidad ay makakamtan kapag sapat ang kaalaman sa kahandaan”.

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