

Press Release
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DOLE PARTICIPATES IN 2ND NATIONWIDE EARTHQUAKE DRILL FOR 2019

The DOLE took part in the second quarter nationwide simultaneous earthquake drill on Thursday, June 20. The quarterly drill seeks to instill a culture of disaster preparedness among Filipinos and promote disaster awareness. It was likewise conducted in order to evaluate the effectiveness of the governments' contingency plans and protocols in relation to earthquake scenarios and other similar events.

The earthquake drill started at 2:00 PM and participated by all employees of the DOLE Central Office including senior officials and concessionaires. Dr. Marco Antonio Valeros, Medical Officer IV of the Bureau of Working Conditions, was assigned as the drill's team leader to assess the success of the drill where he noted that almost all officials and employees of the DOLE were able to execute the dock, cover, and hold procedure before evacuating the building. The group were also able to go out of the building a good two and a half minutes ahead of the projected time.

He likewise noted that success indicators of the drills conducted continuously improve which is a big sign that there is already a culture of preparedness existing in the organization. The quarterly nationwide simultaneous earthquake drill aims to boost disaster awareness and preparedness across the country.

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