

**Office of the President
of the Philippines
Malacañang**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 07

**CONDUCT OF THE THIRD-QUARTER (2016) NATIONWIDE SIMULTANEOUS
EARTHQUAKE DRILL ON 28 SEPTEMBER 2016**

WHEREAS, Section 2 (d) of Republic Act (RA) No. 10121 or the “Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010” provides that it is the policy of the state to adopt and implement a coherent, comprehensive, integrated, efficient and responsive disaster risk reduction program incorporated in the development plan at various levels of government adhering to the principles of good governance;

WHEREAS, according to the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology, the 100-kilometer West Valley Fault Line, which traverses certain cities and towns in Metro Manila, is considered to be ripe for movement, and the cities and towns therein including nearby provinces may experience earthquakes with a magnitude of up to 7.2 which may cause significant damage to property and loss of lives;

WHEREAS, quarterly Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake Drills (NSED) have been held since 2009, which aim to engage the participation of the government and the private sector so that disaster preparedness will be ingrained in the people’s consciousness;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered:

SECTION 1. Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill. The Third-Quarter (2016) NSED shall be held on 28 September 2016.

SECTION 2. Participation of Government Agencies and Instrumentalities. All heads of government departments, bureaus and offices, including government-owned or -controlled corporations and local government units (LGUs), are enjoined to authorize and encourage their respective officials and employees to participate in the NSED. Further, they are accorded discretion to exempt their officials and employees, who shall form part of such effort, from observing regular office hours, without prejudice to the regular and efficient delivery of government services, subject to applicable laws, rules and regulations.

SECTION 3. Implementing Agencies. The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council and the Office of Civil Defense shall lead in the implementation of this Circular and shall perform the following functions:

- (a) Plan and implement a nationwide earthquake drill on 28 September 2016;

- (b) Prepare a schedule of activities to be observed during the Third-Quarter (2016) NSED;
- (c) Closely coordinate with other agencies involved in disaster response for purposes of implementing this Circular;
- (d) Encourage and coordinate earthquake drill initiatives of all LGUs;
- (e) Encourage the participation and call on the assistance of the private sector, including volunteer and civic organizations, in the implementation of this Circular;
- (f) Disseminate information to the media and the general public regarding the conduct of the nationwide simultaneous earthquake drill;
- (g) Submit a report on the implementation and evaluation of the Third-Quarter (2016) NSED;
- (h) Perform other functions consistent with the implementation of this Circular.

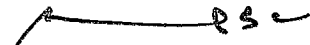
SECTION 4. Repeal. All issuances, orders, rules, and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Circular are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. Separability. If any provision of this Circular is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions unaffected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 6. Effectivity. This Circular shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 26th day of September, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Sixteen.

By Authority of the President:


SALVADOR C. MEDIALDEA
Executive Secretary *N*