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PHIVOLCS CONDUCTS EARTHQUAKE AWARENESS AND PREPAREDNESS SEMINAR-WORKSHOP FOR LGUs OF DAVAO ORIENTAL

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The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology – Department of Science and Technology (PHIVOLCS-DOST) is conducting a series of 1-day seminar-workshops on Earthquake Awareness and Preparedness for Local Government Units (LGUs) and Barangay Officials of Davao Oriental. The seminar-workshop will be held on May 30, 31, and June 1, 2017 at Honey’s Hotel and Restaurant, Mati City.

The province of Davao Oriental was identified as an earthquake and tsunami prone area. It is transected and bounded by active earthquake generators such as the Philippine Fault and the Philippine Trench. The tsunami threat posed to the eastern Philippine archipelago includes both local and distant tsunamis. Large-magnitude earthquakes that also generated a tsunami have occurred in the region.

The one-day seminar-workshop aims to strengthen the province’s awareness about earthquake and tsunami, as well as to help them prepare in case such natural hazards occur in the region. LGUs and Barangay Officials’ role in correct information dissemination will be discussed in the seminar-workshop.

PHIVOLCS, thru the Provincial Government of Davao Oriental, invited participants from the municipalities of Boston, Cateel, Baganga, and Caraga to attend on May 30. Officials from the municipalities of Manay, Tarragona, BanayBanay, and Lupon and municipalities of San Isidro, Governor Generoso, and Mati City are expected to attend the seminar on May 31 and June 1, 2017, respectively.

In addition, PHIVOLCS will conduct a press conference, PHIVOLCS Infosentro, to give update regarding the recent earthquakes at Honey’s Restaurant on May 31, 2017, and on June 1, Usec. Renato Solidum will be the guest speaker in “Kapihan sa Apo View” at Apo View Hotel, Davao City.

Last year, PHIVOLCS conducted a “Teachers’ Training on Communicating Earthquake and Tsunami Hazards” for elementary teachers from the Division of Mati and District of Manay, Division of Davao Oriental last October 12 and 13, 2016 at Honey’s Hotel and Restaurant, Mati City, Davao Oriental.

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