

The Department of Science and Technology - Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (DOST-PHIVOLCS) will conduct a three-day “Teachers’ Training on Communicating Earthquake, Tsunami and Volcanic Hazards” for high school teachers of Ormoc City on April 24-26, 2018 at Pongos Hotel, Ormoc City, Leyte.

Through a series of lectures and applied workshop, DOST-PHIVOLCS aims to train teachers on basic information about the science of volcano, earthquake, tsunami and its hazards, preparedness and how to communicate these information to their students.

DOST-PHIVOLCS awareness and preparedness program intends to equip school children with the right information to prepare, respond and protect oneself during volcanic eruption, earthquake and tsunami since children are vulnerable to the dangers brought by these occurrences.

The three-day training is normally offered to selected public high school teachers only. This time however, selected Science teachers and school disaster risk reduction focal person/coordinator from 26 high schools, both public and private, in Ormoc City are expected to participate on this training in coordination with the Department of Education (DepEd) and the local government of Ormoc City.

The province of Leyte is transected and bounded by active earthquake generators and therefore, large-magnitude earthquakes have occurred in the area. A magnitude 6.5 earthquake struck the province last 6 July 2017. The epicenter is located 15.5 km northeast of Ormoc City, Leyte. The earthquake was generated by the movement of Leyte Segment of the Philippine Fault.

Earlier this year, DOST-PHIVOLCS inaugurated the reconstructed Palo Seismic Station damaged by Typhoon Yolanda in Palo, Leyte. This earthquake monitoring station has and will significantly benefit the Province of Leyte through increased detectability of events and more accurate and timely determination of earthquake parameters of events generated by active earthquake sources in and around the province.

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