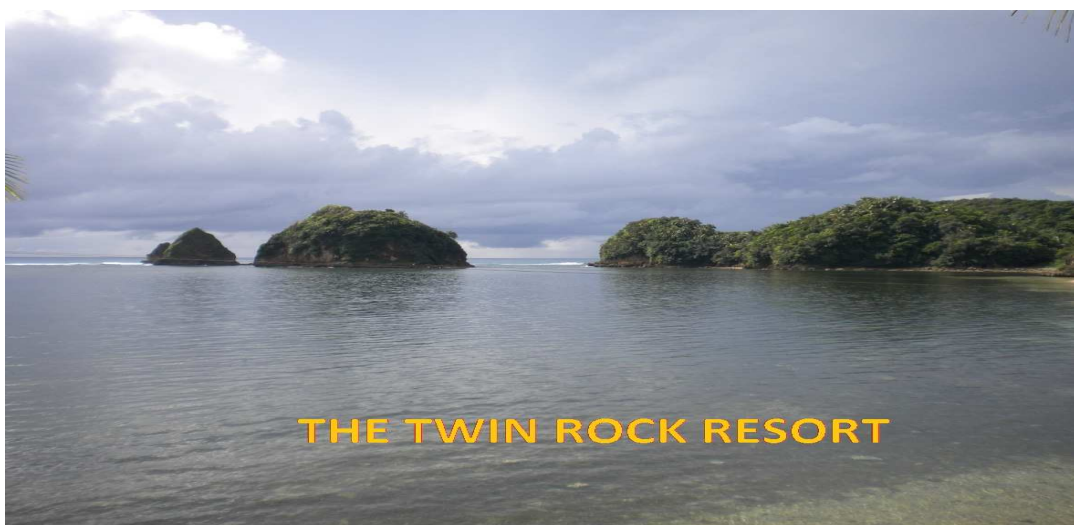


Brief of the MDRRMC Orientation Workshop Municipality of Dulag, Province of Leyte



(December 14-15, 2010)

Twin Rocks Resort in Barangay Igang, Virac, Catanduanes



Background:

Dulag is a third-class municipality in the province of Leyte in Eastern Visayas (Region VIII) part of the Philippines. This coastal town covering 11,007 hectares of land is home to 44,143 residents. Dulag is subdivided into 45 barangays. Of the 45 barangays, 11 are within the urbanized poblacion (town proper); while, 34 are situated in the rustic countryside. (Wikipedia, 2010)

With the implementation of R.A. 10121, local government units are required to establish their respective Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (LDRRM) office and should have the knowledge and capacity to effectively comply with the functions attached to such office.

In view of the foregoing, a two-day workshop specifically to strengthen and capacitate the LDRRM of the town of Dulag was carried-out in Virac, Catanduanes. The workshop included discussions on topics relating to risk reduction and the formulation of LDRRMO structure and plans, among others. The event was also a way of bringing the local officials and members of the community (local partners and stakeholders) closer together and to work hand-in-hand not only during times of disasters but all the time as people of Dulag.

Workshop Details:



Venue: Twin Rock, located at Igang, Virac in the province of Catanduanes is around 15 minutes drive from Virac domestic airport and around 30 minutes drive from the town's seaport. The resort can be viewed while on board the ferry boat.



The training hall used during the workshop (top picture) situated just adjacent to the beach.



Workshop participants inside the training hall showing its relatively spacious area (above).

Topics that were discussed during the 2-day event included Hydrometeorological-related hazards awareness and mitigation, Climate Change, Presentation of R.A. 10121 and issues relating to calamity fund utilization. On the other hand, the workshop dealt in particular with plotting and tracking of tropical cyclones, setting-up of the town's organizational structure with regards to R.A. 10121, its work and financial plan, and programs and activities.

The over-all concept of the workshop was to reorganize and reactivate the disaster council of the town in line with R.A. 10121 down to the Barangay level inasmuch as most of the town officials are newly elected and relatively new to public service.

The workshop's main objectives are as follow:

- to come up with a work and financial plan for CY 2011
- to have a new organizational structure based on the new R.A. 10121
- to be aware of the different hazards in the region and its mitigation
- activation of the Early Warning System's operation center (OpCen)
- calamity fund utilization based on the new RA 10121
- knowledge on typhoon tracking and forecasting

Workshop Participants:

Hon. Manuel Sia Que	Municipal Mayor
Restituto Polilio, Jr.	Executive Secretary
Julia K. de Vera	SB member
Jade Agullo	SB member
Orlando Cagara	SB member
Bernardita Landicho	Municipal Department Head
Engr. Manuel Garcia	Municipal Department Head
Enrique Cabaobao	Municipal Department Head
Arlene C. Kempis	Municipal Department Head
Maricor Pedos	Municipal Department Head
William Duan	Municipal Department Head
Dr. Dennis Po	Municipal Department Head
Roy Bautista	Municipal Department Head
Jesusa de Paz	Municipal Department Head
Norberto Doroga	Municipal DILG
Roberto Tolibas	Asst. Chief, PNP
Agustin Ballo	Chief, BFP
Victor Cadayong	ABC Chairman
Cesario Gabiola	Former ABC President
Gerardo Clibao	Barangay Chairman
Vicente Cabalquinto	Barangay Chairman
Dominador Agullo	Barangay Chairman
Hilario Cinco	Barangay Chairman
Vicente Petillos, Sr.	Barangay Chairman
Belen Raz	Barangay Chairman

Training Staff:

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Ulysses Barona	Province of Leyte
Mario Monge	Province of Leyte
Rosa Cana	Province of Leyte
Jean Lago	Province of Leyte
Hilton Hernando	PRFFWC, PAGASA

Workshop Activities in Pictures:



Left, the very energetic and supportive Mayor of Dulag, Honorable Manuel Sia Que during his welcome remarks at the start of the workshop. Mayor Sia Que expressed his unwavering support to the LDRRM of the town, in particular to its program and activities but hopes for a disaster-free for the coming year 2011.

The special guest of the workshop was no less than the governor of the Province of Catanduanes, the Honorable Joseph "Bobby" Cua (right). Likewise, he gave his warm welcome talk to the delight of the workshop participants. The governor was also a host to some of the activities of the workshop which included a trip to various significant spots in Virac.



Participants during the workshop proper (above) while plotting of tropical cyclone coordinates as part of their capacity building program being members of the LDRMO of the municipality.



The workshop training staff (left) on a brief respite from the workshop poses in front of the Twin Peak resort area.



A brief tour of several facilities within Virac included a visit to the Solong Hydroelectric Power plant (top left) and the PAGASA (Weather Bureau) Radar station (top right) accompanied by Catanduanes provincial Government personnel and using the Province's Official Bus.



Pictured below, the group travelled from Virac to Tobacco via a ferry boat. The trip was definitely a worthwhile experience to the whole group. While in Tabaco, Albay, the group made a quick visit and fostered good relationship with the Tabaco Chinese Filipino Volunteer Fire Brigade (left).



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