

SRA-GAD Attends QC Women's Month Kick-off Ceremony



Some members of the SRA-GAD Technical Working Group (TWG) joined in Quezon City's official kick-off activity in celebration of Women's Month on March 3, 2014. The event, which lasted for four hours, took place at the Inner Lobby of the QC Hall compound.



Ms. Corazon Boyero, Ms. Priscilla Madrid, Mr. Raphael Henri Mundo, Ms. Jennifer Joan Malimban, Ms. Evelyn Estanislao and Mr. Joseph Peter Gonzales comprised the SRA-GAD contingent which attended the affair.

After the flag ceremony, representatives of all participating agencies proceeded to the QC Hall Inner Lobby for a set of lectures that coincide with the timely theme: "Gender-Sensitive Disaster Risk Reduction Management in Medical Field Dispensaries and Relocation Centres."



Brigadier Gen. Marcelo B. Javier, Jr. (RES), AFP Division Commander, 15th Infantry Division (Ready Reserve), PA was the main speaker tapped for the celebration. He tackled the topic: "Family Information Plan: A Critical and Doable Local Disaster Preparedness Plan." Part of his discussion was RA 10121 or the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction Study of 2004 as well as the Metro Manila Earthquake Impact Reduction Study of 2004.

The audience gained a lot of insights from the talk which primarily zeroed in on the actions to be taken when faced by calamities specially earthquake. The veteran general cited the value of acquiring training for the following when disaster strikes: Incident Command System, Fire Prevention and Suppression, First Aid and Home Defence. He also stressed the importance of a figure head or leader in times like these.

As an ending statement, he reminded everyone on the essence of staying relaxed in the midst of a calamity in order to still think logically on what the right move should be and forget the "Bahala na!" ideology. A short open forum followed which was participated in by select representatives from the attending agencies.

Before the program wrapped up, Gen. Elmo San Diego, QC DRRMC and DPOS Head reported on how Quezon City is successfully preparing and promoting its disaster risk reduction management campaign in recent years.

