

**PROTOCOL OF INTENTIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONCERNING COOPERATION IN
DISASTER PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT**

The Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the United States of America, hereinafter referred to as the "the Participants;"

Desiring to further expand and enhance the existing friendly relations between their Peoples, on the basis of equality, mutual respect and benefit;

Recalling the discussions and coordination activities of the Office of Civil Defense of the National Disaster Coordinating Council of the Republic of the Philippines and the Federal Emergency Management Agency of the United States of America; and

Desiring to further cooperative activities in disaster prevention and management through a framework of collaboration that facilitates the exchange of expertise, knowledge, and information, and the transfer of new technology in emergency management.

Have reached the following understandings:

**ARTICLE 1
GENERAL COOPERATION OBJECTIVES**

The Participants intend to pursue cooperative activities in disaster prevention and management, including:

1. Designing and initiating prototypes of cooperation that aim to strengthen the emergency management linkages between the Participants as well as enhancing the emergency management capabilities of the National Disaster Coordinating Council of the Philippines;
2. Organizing the exchange of emergency management professionals and practitioners in order to facilitate the development of programs and activities, including the sharing of expertise, experience, and information as well as the transfer of new technology in emergency management; and
3. Proposing the conduct of forum and training seminars, reciprocal visits, and disaster management exercises to be participated in by the representatives of the Participants.

**ARTICLE 2
COOPERATION IN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE TRAINING
EXERCISES**