

Republic of the Philippines Province of Davao del Norte CITY OF PANARO

OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 174 Series of 2023

AN ORDER DECLARING THE SUSPENSION OF CLASSES IN ALL LEVELS IN PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND SUSPENSION OF WORK IN PUBLIC OFFICES IN THE CITY OF PANABO

WHEREAS, it is a declared policy of the State to uphold the people's constitutional rights to life, health, safety and property and to promote the general welfare of its people at all times, especially during disasters and calamities;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOCS) has reported a series of earthquake incidents in Davao de Oro since March 6, 2023 and the latest reported through PHIVOCS Earthquake Information No. 2 is the 5.9 and 5.6 magnitude earthquake at around 2:02 pm and 4:45 pm today, March 7, 2022, with epicenter at New Bataan;

WHEREAS, the strong earthquake and aftershocks were also felt by its neighboring Provinces, Cities and Municipalities which caused alarm and fear among its constituents;

WHEREAS, due to the latest earthquake, the Provincial Government of Davao del Norte issued a Memorandum suspending work and classes in all levels in the Province to give way for Local Government Units to conduct an intensive structural integrity inspection of all public infrastructures, buildings and facilities to ensure the safety of the public;

WHEREAS, under Chapter III, Section 455 of the Local Government Code, provides the power of the Local Chief Executive to carry out such measures as may be necessary during and in the aftermath of manmade and natural disasters and calamities;

WHEREAS, due to the series of earthquakes and aftershocks, it is imperative to suspend classes at all levels and work in public offices;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSE E. RELAMPAGOS, City Mayor of Panabo, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. CLASSES AND WORK SUSPENSION. As a preventive measure brought about by the strong earthquake or aftershocks, classes at all levels for both public and private institutions and work in public offices are suspended immediately today, March 7, 2023 until March 8, 2023 or until lifted.

Suspension of work in private offices/establishments is left to the sound discretion of their respective heads or managers.

SECTION 2. INSPECTION OF BUILDINGS/FACILITIES. The Bureau of Fire and Protection (BFP), City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (CDRRMO), City Engineer's Office (CEO), School Principals/Heads, Teachers and owners/managers of establishments in coordination with the (BFP) and (CEO), are hereby directed to immediately inspect or cause the inspection of the buildings/facilities under their jurisdiction.

SECTION 3. STATE OF THE WOMEN ADDRESS. The State of the Women Address (SOWA) that is slated on March 8, 2023 at Panabo Multi-Purpose Tourism, Cultural and Sports Center will go as planned. Hence, all Department Heads, Assistant Department Heads, Section Heads, Members of the GFPS-TWG and focal persons, Council of Women, and all concerned officials and individuals are hereby directed to attend the scheduled SOWA.

SECTION 4. IMMEDIATE DISSEMINATION. The City Information Office is hereby directed to disseminate this order.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately until lifted.

Done this 7th day of March 2023 in Panabo City, Davao del Norte, Philippines.

JOSE E. RELAMPAGOS City Mayor

