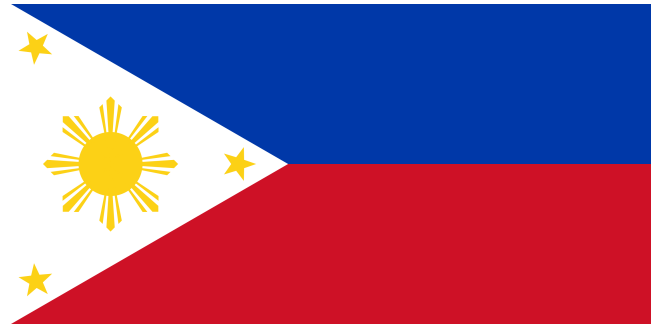


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Position Paper

We think strengthening the integration of crisis resilience system is very important for our country and our people. The reason behind that is our country locates at Southeast Asia where plates are very active. That makes natural disasters a part of our lives. Because we encounter so many natural disasters as earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and tsunamis disaster risk reductions is a must for us.

Our country's economy is not as good as big countries like Japan and Taiwan who also locate in the same zone as us. They can use big money but we can't afford that so we need to use systems that are cheap and effective. We try to make our buildings very effective and strong against earthquakes and make it cheap at the same time.

Our economy being not rich makes our general households not vertically but horizontally. That makes our most households safe against earthquakes. In 1968 we encountered one of the biggest earthquakes in our history and the Ruby Tower collapse is one of the worst collapses that we had. The Ruby Tower collapse buried 600 people alive. 270 people were killed and 261 were injured. That was a massive event to realize that disaster risk reductions is very important for us.

For our possible solution we need to block the existing gaps in our civilization and constructions. In most of our constructions some of our constructors use cheaper materials to make more profit. We need to stop them and judge for their misbehaviors. Such as money fine or even jail them. Technology, early warning systems can be very useful too. If we make early warning systems common we can predict earthquakes 1-2 minutes ago. In earthquake situations even 30 seconds are important. We need to approve transparency and trust while building our structures. We also can make strong structures that can attract funds and investments. That also can make our economy stronger while protecting our people. We need to teach our students in schools that earthquake is a serious problem to our community. That will build awareness against earthquakes and make our people stay calm and effective in emergency situations.

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