

North Cebu town picked as pilot area for ICT solution for disasters

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CEBU CITY, July 21 (PNA) — The northern Cebu town of San Remigio, some 108 kilometers from Cebu City, was chosen as the pilot area for an innovative information and communication technology (ICT) solution that would fill the gaps during disasters.

The San Remigio Community e-Center is now dubbed the center for research and development on Movable & Deployable ICT Resource Unit (MDRU), a collaboration of the Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Co. (NTT) of Japan, the Central Visayas Information System Network Foundation (CVISNET), the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and the San Remigio municipal government.

The technology from Japan is the first to be implemented in the Philippines, DOST 7 Director Engr. Edilberto L. Paradela said.

San Remigio, Cebu Mayor Mariano Martinez welcomed the decision to have San Remigio as MDRU's venue for its pilot project.

He assured the replication of the technology to nearby municipalities and cities in northern Cebu.

Martinez said the project was timely, considering that the municipality was damaged severely by super typhoon Yolanda last November 8, 2013.

The town hosts the pilot rural Community e-Center in the Visayas, which was first established in 2004 by the Commission on Information and Communications Technology-National Computer Center and has been in operation since 2005.

The project aims to connect the municipal hall with the barangay halls, the government hospitals, the health centers, the public schools, the municipal police office, the military detachments, the fire departments and the emergency response units along with the other allied offices. (PNA)

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