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SPECIAL ORDER No. $27$ Series of 2022 $\gamma$		: DESIGNATION OF UNDERSECRETARY EMERSON L. BENITEZ AS THE OVERALL IN CHARGE OF THE RELIEF, REHABILITATION, AND RECONSTRUCTION EFFORTS OF DPWH RELATIVE TO DAMAGES BROUGHT BY TYPHOON ODETTE	

The onslaught of Typhoon Odette has brought destruction and has adversely affected the lives of the Filipino people, leaving thousands targeted for assistance and communities for rehabilitation. Pursuant to the Department's efforts to provide prompt assistance to the communities and areas stricken by disasters so that the situation and living conditions of the people may be normalized as quickly as possible, **Undersecretary Emerson L. Benitez** is hereby designated to oversee the Relief, Rehabilitation, and Reconstruction efforts of DPWH to the damages brought by Typhoon Odette.

Under and by virtue of this Order, Undersecretary Benitez shall, in addition to his regular functions, perform the duties and assume the responsibilities appurtenant to this designation. In view hereof, the Regional Directors of the concerned Regional Offices (Regions IV-B, VI, VII, VIII, X and XIII) are hereby directed comply with instructions of and report to Undersecretary Benitez, all activities related to relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction of their respective regions which shall include, but not limited to the following:

- 1. Submission of Situational Reports
- 2. Coordination of efforts regarding the identification of relocation sites and other activities, with affected Local Government Units (LGUs), OCD and other relevant Offices/Agencies, regarding the construction of temporary relocation sites.
- 3. Management of logistical support of DPWH to the DPWH employees, LGUs and other government agencies in-charge of disaster response
- 4. Determination of funding and technical support needed for post-disaster activities.

The following DPWH Regions that are not adversely affected by Typhoon "Odette" are also directed to assist and provide logistical support to the affected Regions:

- 1. Regions IV-A and IX shall assist and support Region IV-B
- 2. Regions Region V an X shall assist and support Region VI
- 3. Regions CAR and II shall assist and support Region VII
- 4. Regions I, III and NCR shall assist and support Region VIII
- 5. Regions XI and XII shall assist and support Region XIII

All Bureaus, Services and Offices of this Department are hereby directed to extend all necessary assistance to support this endeavor. This Order supersedes previous issuances to the contrary and shall take effect immediately.

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