

Adaptive Capacity Building and Technology Innovation for Occupational Safety and Natural Disaster Center (ACTION Center)

## BatStateU's first off-campus DRM classes begins



The Batangas State University implemented its first ever off-campus Disaster Risk Management (DRM) classes on February 16 at the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) Building, Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City. The DRRM program was attended by 21 enrollees from the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) and the Philippine Army.

Through the Disaster Resiliency Education for Adaptation and Mitigation (DREAM) Academy under the BatStateU Center for Adaptive Capacity-building and Technology Innovation for Occupational hazards and Natural Disaster (ACTION Center), the university offers two DRM programs under the College of Accountancy Business Economics and International Hospitality Management: the Master in Disaster Risk Management (MDRM); and the Diploma in Disaster Risk Management (DDRM). The said programs are the first CHED-accredited DRM programs in CALABARZON.

According to BatStateU President Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo, the programs are non-thesis and practical by nature, wherein students will take part in an integrative course that will immerse them in local communities for the development and proposal contingency plans and disaster management policies.

## BatStateU community participates in Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill (NSED) First Quarter 2019



BatStateU students perfom "duck, cover and hold" during earthquake drill inside the classroom

Batangas State University, through the initiative of the ACTION Center, participated in the 2019 first quarter Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill (NSED) organized by the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) in February 21.

The activity was held at the grounds of BatStateU Pablo Borbon Main I. The drill was participated by students, faculty members and officials.

Apart from aiming to train the participants on what to do in case of an earthquake, another purpose of the drill was to test the activation of the incident command system of the university. The activity was led by the university's Incident Commander Prof. Rogelio A. Antenor.

NSED generally aims to inform and educate the public about disaster response and is held every quarter of the year.