

Hazards in the Megacity of Manila (Post Conference)

Date: 9 February 2018, Friday

Please note that insurance is not included in the field trip and participants are responsible for their own insurance

As the capital of one of the countries most vulnerable to climate change and at risk from natural hazards, the sprawling megacity of Manila is host not only to the Philippine's business and commercial centers but to a wide variety of natural hazards as well.

Regular extreme rainfall inundating built-up floodplains, storm surges affecting reclaimed areas, subsidence from groundwater over-extraction, and an overdue active fault line traversing the metropolis are natural hazards that can or will affect this highly populated area.

Attendees will see how these natural hazards are mitigated in the urban jungle of Manila and how they affect the daily lives of the ordinary Filipino. Subdivisions on floodplains, urban poor along congested creeks, malls and embassies facing storm surge-vulnerable reclaimed shorelines, houses, schools, and hospitals sitting on the fault line and scarp are some of the destinations for this trip.

Visits to the government earthquake monitoring agency Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS) and the operations center of the Nationwide Operational Assessment of Hazards (NOAH Center) are also included as stops with educational lectures and facility tours.

This trip costs 70 USD and will cover hotel pick-up and drop off (within Quezon City only), transport costs, lunch, and snacks. Hotel pick-up will start at 7AM with the tour starting at 8AM. Hotel drop-off will be provided at the end of the tour at around 6PM.