First Circular (November 2013)
(note change in schedule of Training Course)

The 10th ASC General Assembly (ASC 2014)
Makati City, Philippines
17-21 November 2014

"Working together towards an earthquake-resilient Asia"

The Philippines, through the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS-DOST) and the City of Makati, is inviting all to the 10th Asian Seismological Commission (ASC) General Assembly to be held in Makati City from 17-21 November 2014.

With the theme, ***"Working together towards an earthquake-resilient Asia,"*** the General Assembly is an opportunity for scientists from different countries to meet and exchange ideas about seismology, tectonics and related fields. Specifically, the assembly aims to convene sessions on the following topics: seismology-seismological observation and interpretation, nature of seismic sources and prediction of earthquakes, strong ground motion, instrumentation, seismic network and volcano seismology; earthquake hazards and risks mapping and assessment, earth structure and geodynamics; seismotectonics; physics and chemistry of materials, earthquake engineering, and education, outreach and communication in seismology and disaster risk reduction.

- **Venue.** Makati City is one of the 16 cities in Metro Manila. Makati City is the business and financial center in the Philippines and is host to the highest concentration of local and multinational corporations. The residential population is half a million but daytime population grows to more than a million on a typical working day due to the large number of people going to work, shop and do business in the city.
- **Public Transportation in the City.** Taxi and car rentals are available from the International Airport to Makati City. Inside Makati, taxis and eco-friendly jeepneys ply around the major roads while elevated walkways connect different buildings to malls and restaurant areas.
- **Passport and visa**. Interested parties should get in touch with their travel agents, consulates or the Philippine Embassy in their countries to obtain information about visa application procedures.
- **Hotel Accommodation**. The recommended hotels that are within walking distance around the venue will be listed in the Second Circular. The LOC is making arrangements with nearby hotels within the venue area.
- **Payment.** All payments for registration fee, field trip from foreign participants must be in USD.
- **Schedule and deadlines to remember:**

  First Circular : 15 November 2013
  Second Circular (Call for Abstracts) : 15 January 2014
  Abstract Submission Deadline, Grants Application : 15 April 2014
  Acceptance of Abstracts : 31 May 2014
  Third Circular (Preliminary Program) : 30 June 2014
  Notification of Grant Application results : 30 July 2014
  Registration Deadline : 01 September 2014
  Scientific Programs of the Assembly (3.5 days): 17, 18, 19, 20 November 2014
  Scientific and Industrial Exhibition : 17, 18, 19, 20 November 2014
  Training Course- earthquake hazard vulnerability : 12-16 November 2014
  Post Assembly Field Trip (1 day/ Taal) : 21 November 2014
  Post Assembly Field Trip (3days/ Bohol Ground Rupture) 21-23 November

- **Organizers/Co-sponsors:**
  Asian Seismological Commission (ASC)
  Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS)
  City of Makati

- **CALL FOR SUGGESTIONS FOR SESSION TOPICS.** The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) is calling for suggestions for session topics as well as volunteers to chair these sessions. To propose a session, please provide:
  - Draft title of the session;
  - Theme in which it should appear;
  - Indication whether this is to be an oral session, a poster-only session or a poster session supporting an oral session;
  - One paragraph description outlining the scope of the session;
  - At least 3 likely presenters
- *Please submit the proposal to Dr. Teresito C Bacolcol, (*asc2014*@phivolcs.dost.gov.ph) Chairperson, Scientific Program Committee. Deadline is on* ***31 December 2013.***

- Official website of ASC2014: http://asc2014ph.phivolcs.dost.gov.ph