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Weathernews and PAGASA Mutual Cooperation Against Weather Disasters in the Philippines

Weathernews Inc. *(Chiba, Japan; Chihito Kusabiraki/CEO)* and the **Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration** *(PAGASA; Quezon City, Philippines; Dr. Vicente B. Malano/Acting Administrator)*, announced the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) against weather disasters in the Republic of the Philippines. The MoU commences with the **AMING LANGIT Project** aimed at disaster mitigation for humanitarian and economic activities. Like Japan where Weathernews is based, the risks of typhoons are the same as in the Philippines that was devastated by Typhoon Yolanda in 2013.

PAGASA Acting Administrator, Dr. Vicente B. Malano (left) and Weathernews CEO, Chihito Kusabiraki (right)

Last year, Weathernews established the Manila Operations Center to support the shipping industry and entered into discussions with PAGASA about exchanging information for the mitigation of future disasters from weather phenomenon like Yolanda. Following the initiation of the main project, Weathernews and PAGASA will share data with each other for the improvement of meteorological observation techniques, conduct staff exchange and training relating to weather forecasting operations ultimately as efforts to improve the daily lives of all people living and working in the Philippines.

Details of AMING LANGIT Joint Project

1. New technology and information exchange
   - *Exchanging information concerning observation techniques using Weathernews' compact satellites*
   - *Exchanging information concerning observation techniques using Weathernews' other types of sensory infrastructure*
   - *Exchanging information concerning typhoon prediction models and techniques*
2. Collaborations for an expand weather sensory infrastructure network across the Philippines
3. Staff training
   - *Conducting training and exchange relating to weather forecasting operations*