

# Vice Admiral Alexander Patiño Pama AFP (Ret.)

**Vice Admiral Alexander Patiño Pama AFP (ret.)** is a retired Vice Admiral of the Armed Forces of the Philippines and served as the 32<sup>nd</sup> Flag Officer-in-Command, Philippine Navy (Navy Chief) prior to his retirement in December 2012. He is a member of the Philippine Military Academy (MATAPAT) Class of 1979 and joined the Philippine Navy upon graduation in 1979.

Currently, he is:

The **Co-Chair of the Board of Directors of ARISE-Philippines**, a private sector alliance committed to assisting the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) in support of its efforts for the attainment of the Goals of the Sendai Framework for Action. As co-chair, he has led various initiatives such as but not limited to:

- The development of a strategic and operational framework to harmonize and synergize private sector advocacies and activities on DRR. This was done by utilizing a two-prong approach through the three Work Themes (WT) and four Priority Areas (PA) to systematically and effectively achieve the targets and goals of Sendai Framework for DRR;
- Targeted recruitment to attract quality Network members and partners to further enhance the individual and collective capacities of partners for a more robust DRR and Resilience efforts;
- Lead the Network activities and advocacies in pushing for the implementation of disaster risk reduction and management and resilience as a business strategy, and investing in disaster-resilient infrastructure, technologies, and practices:
- Initiated and pursued the implementation of bilateral and tri-partite activities with ARISE India and Japan.

Concurrently, he is also the Consultant for Disaster Resilience of **SM Prime Holdings Incorporated** and has led the formulation and implementation of the Concept of Operations (ConOps) of the company's Resilience Center and the institutionalization of the Group of Companies' Incident Command System during emergency situations.

He is likewise a **Consultant** to the **National Resilience Council**, a science and technology based public-private partnership that supports government, communities, the academe and private sector in advancing the attainment of disaster resilience.

Vice Admiral Pama is also the **Chairman of the Board of COCOGEN Insurance Company**, a non-life insurance company.

### Member of the Board of Directors/Trustees of the following:

- Oscar M. Lopez Center for Climate Change a private sector non-profit organization to enhance support for research and innovative solutions towards Climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction
- **Central Philippine University Board of Trustees** a leading private University in Iloilo province in central Philippines
- **RestartMe Foundation** a wholesale micro-finance non-stock, non-profit organization providing calamity assistance loans to through MFI members whose portfolios have been compromised by disasters and calamities
- **COCOLIFE (UCPB) Insurance Company** a local life insurance company in the Philippines

Former Adjunct Professor at the Asian Institute of Management's Executive Master in Disaster and Crisis Management, and

Visiting Lecturer at the Ateneo de Manila University's Master's Degree in Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience.

### Post Retirement from the AFP:

**Executive Director of the National Coast Watch Council (NCWC) Secretariat** at the Office of the Executive Secretary, Office of the President of the Philippines in 2013 to 2014 with the rank of **Undersecretary** at the Office of the Executive Secretary, Office of the President of the Philippines. As the Executive Director of NCWC, he was instrumental in the initial organizing and building up the Council and the National Coast Watch Center, the agency mandated to oversee the Philippine Maritime security and domain awareness.

**Executive Director National Disaster Risk Reduction Council (NDRRMC) and concurrently the Administrator, Office of Civil Defense (OCD)**, under the Department of National Defense with the rank of **Undersecretary** with the following mandate and accomplishments until his retirement in June 2016 with the following mandates and accomplishments among others;

Integrate, supervise, coordinate, and harmonize government efforts in the conduct of Disaster Risk Reduction and Management of the various government agencies and other stakeholders to reduce risk and mitigate the effects of man-made and natural calamities and disasters.

· Served as Philippine Representative to the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM) and the Board of Governors of the ASEAN Humanitarian Assistance (AHA) Center.

 Instituted the Pre-Disaster Risk Assessment – Action Protocols and Programs (PDRA- APP), a system and a process that led to a more effective government and multistakeholder Disaster risk reduction and management leading to significantly reduce casualties and damage to properties due to calamities and disasters that occurred in the Philippines.

· Co-led the Philippine Team in crafting of Philippine position on DRR (Disaster Risk Reduction), its presentation to and negotiating for its inclusion in the United Nations Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 in Sendai, Japan in 2015.

• Was a leading Philippine delegate, session panelist and presenter in the World Humanitarian Summit in Istanbul, Turkey in May 2016 for a more synchronized and robust Government – Private sector, and Civil-Military cooperation in Disaster Risk Reduction efforts.

## As Flag Officer in Command, Philippine Navy (FOIC, PN), 2011-2012

· Implemented and institutionalized improved systems and processes in the Navy in order to organize, train, equip and maintain and deploy Naval forces to perform its mission and mandate.

• Pursued the Crafting and implementation of the revitalized modernization program of the Philippine Navy that institutionalized Capability build-up, Capacity enhancement, and attainment of Credibility for a Strong and Credible Navy.

· Led the planning, programming and implementation of the Navy's Humanitarian Assistance/ Disaster Response Operations during calamities and disasters

## Training and Education:

· Naval Command Course at the US Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island, USA

Naval Command and General Staff Course in Naval Education & Training Command – preparatory course for Naval Command and Management

· Post graduate course in National Security at the Christian Albrechts University, Kiel Germany

 $\cdot$  Earned units in Masters of Business Administration at the Ateneo de Manila University and is an MBA candidate pending completion of thesis requirements.

· Philippine Military Academy – Bachelor of Science