

# **CAFGU Active Auxiliary Unit II Company Secures Gold-rush DMRA**

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Davao City, Philippines—A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the formation of Citizen Armed Forces Geographical Unit (CAFGU) Active Auxiliary Unit II Company (CAAC II) was made and signed by the Philippine Mining Development Corporation (PMDC) headed by its chairman, president and CEO, Atty. Alberto B. Sipaco, Jr., and the Armed Forces of the Philippines represented by the Commander of the 10<sup>th</sup> ID Philippine Army, MajGen Jose C. Faustino, Jr. last June 6, 2019.

The signing of the MOA was witnessed by other high-ranking officials of the Armed Forces; BrigGen Gilbert F. Saret 1001<sup>st</sup> Brigade; LtCol Oscar P. Balingasay of 25<sup>th</sup> IB 10<sup>th</sup> ID, Philippine Army. From the national government were Commissioner Michael P. Cloribel of the Governance Commission for GOCCs; ARENA President Dr. Anthony C. Sales, DOST XI; Board of Investment Dir. Gil M. Dureza, stakeholders and other officials.

The PMDC staff served as the Secretariat, which helped make the affair successful. Media partners from ABS-CBN also joined the activity and interviewed Atty. Sipaco, Jr. and MajGen. Faustino, Jr. who declared that, “this formed CAAC II is solely for the interest in securing PMDC in the Diwalwal.”

Atty. Sipaco, Jr. also expressed that, “it is our mission to make Diwalwal safe and lucrative again in large part depends on our common resolve to address issues confronting challenges and to move forward without hesitation.”

The activity was concluded with the expectation that this simple event could result in a joint effort of the AFP, the PMDC, the community and partner agencies in securing the mineral-rich area of Diwalwal.