



# NEWS RELEASE

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## **U.S. NAVY SHIPS MAKE ROUTINE PORT CALLS IN SUBIC, CEBU**

The U.S. Navy ships USS Peleliu (LHA5) and USS Dubuque (LPD 8) arrived Monday for routine port calls in Subic Bay and Cebu, respectively.

While in Subic, the USS Peleliu hosted ship tours for Olongapo City Mayor James "Bong" Gordon and his wife, former Zambales Vice Governor Annie Marie Gordon; members of the media; students from Olongapo City National High School, and cadets from the Philippine Merchant Marine Academy in San Narciso, Zambales.

On the USS Peleliu's last visit to the Philippines in June 2007 as part of the U.S. Navy's Pacific Partnership humanitarian mission, the ship's crew visited Manila, the Bicol Region, Cotabato, and Jolo and worked alongside the Armed Forces of the Philippines to build houses, assist in flood control projects, repair hospitals and schools, and offer free medical care.

According to the U.S. Navy, the USS Peleliu's visit is expected to contribute approximately 57,434,000 pesos (1.3 million U.S. dollars) to the Subic Bay area economy while the USS Dubuque's visit is expected to contribute approximately 29,070,440 pesos (658,000 U.S. dollars) to the Cebu area economy, estimated from port fees and crew expenditures.

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