

## 2012 NDA NZ TEAM

"The NDA INSPECTION TEAM-NEW ZEALAND, comprising of a 3-man team led by its Team Leader, Rene M. De Guzman, PMSD Manager, and members Roger P. Dagondon, PDOIV-MIO and Macario H. Diaz, PDOIV-NLUZ, has successfully completed its mission to select and inspect the first lot of animal importation (1,205 head: 800 PH & 405 BH) for this year.



The Team did their job under harsh, rainy & cold weather conditions (8-10°C temperature) with the assistance of the PGG Otamatea Quarantine officers. More than 1,300 animals were presented and out of these animals, 826 pregnant heifers and 452 breedable heifers were selected and the rest (97 head) were rejected.

Rejections were made due to the animals' gyr-jersey-hereford features and physical deformities. All selected animals are subject to final health and live animal export clearance protocols.

The 800 pregnant heifers are expected to arrive at Cagayan de Oro Port on 17 June while the 405 breedable heifers will arrive on last week of July. (NDA Inspection Team 30May2012)"