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HON. ALFRED S. ROMUALDEZ
Local Chief Executive
Kanhuraw Hills, Tacloban City

**Subject: Meeting on the Endorsement and Urgent Formulation of a
Comprehensive Flood Control Master Plan (CFCMP) for Tacloban City**

Dear Mayor Romualdez,

Greetings of peace and resilience.

On behalf of PH Haiyan Advocacy, Inc., we express our sincere thanks for the meeting held on April 15, 2025, concerning the endorsement and urgent formulation of a Comprehensive Flood Control Master Plan (CFCMP) for Tacloban City.

While we were glad to be part of this important dialogue, allow us to respectfully express both our appreciation and concern.

We were **saddened** that:

1. Despite the importance of the meeting, Your Honor was not present to preside over it;
2. No explanation was given by any of your department heads regarding your absence;
3. There appeared to be a lack of coordination between the City Planning and Development Office (CPDO) and the City Engineer's Office (CEO);
4. Both offices candidly admitted that the City does not have the technical capacity to prepare the CFCMP and that only the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) can do so;
5. Unfortunately, DPWH was not invited to participate in the meeting despite its crucial role.

Nevertheless, we were also **glad** that the following positive steps were agreed upon:


1. That an Executive Order will be issued to create a Technical Working Group to lead the CFCMP formulation;
2. That a second meeting has been scheduled for April 30, 2025;
3. That the DPWH will be formally invited to this second meeting;
4. That PH Haiyan will be furnished a copy of the City's letter-invitation to DPWH.

We commit to assist in ensuring the presence of the DPWH Regional Director at the upcoming meeting.

Finally, we earnestly **request Your Honor's presence** at the April 30 meeting to provide decisive leadership in moving forward with the long-overdue and life-saving formulation of the CFCMP for Tacloban City.

Thank you once again for your continuing commitment to a safer and more resilient Tacloban.

Respectfully yours,


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Chairman and President
PH Haiyan Advocacy Inc.

Cc: Hon. Dennis de Paz, EVSU President
Engr. Dennis Tajo, MTCEA

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