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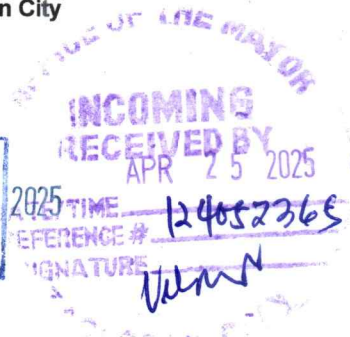
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HON. ALFRED S. ROMUALDEZ
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Subject: Acknowledgment of Notice of Meeting and Recommendations on the Formulation of the Comprehensive Flood Control Master Plan (CFCMP)

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Dear **Mayor Romualdez**,

Warm greetings of peace and resilience.

On behalf of PH-Haiyan Advocacy, Inc. and Eastern Visayas State University (EVSU), we wish to express our sincere appreciation for the official **Notice of Meeting** dated April 24, 2025, inviting us to the second session on the **Urgent Formulation of the Comprehensive Flood Control Master Plan (CFCMP)** for Tacloban City, scheduled on **April 30, 2025 at 1:00 P.M.** in the CADMO Boardroom.

We welcome this development and recognize that it builds on the outcomes of the **March 7, 2025 Flood Control and Mitigation Forum**, the resulting **March 24 stakeholder letter**, and the **April 15 initial meeting**. These successive engagements signal the growing urgency and shared commitment to address the city's long-standing vulnerability to flooding.

Points of Appreciation and Concern:

While we acknowledge the efforts of your office to begin institutionalizing this process through an Executive Order, allow us to respectfully share a few concerns and recommendations:

1. On the April 15 Meeting:

- We regret that Your Honor was unable to attend the meeting, and that no explanation for your absence was provided.
- It was also observed that there appeared to be limited coordination between the City Planning and Development Office (CPDO) and the City Engineer's Office (CEO).
- Both offices acknowledged that the City lacks the technical capacity to independently draft the CFCMP, and that the **Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH)** is the only agency with the necessary capability—yet DPWH was not present nor invited.

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4. Interagency and Legislative Integration:

That the TWG be directed to collaborate with the **Sangguniang Panlungsod** and key national agencies such as **DPWH** to ensure that the CFCMP is technically robust, politically supported, and fundable at both local and national levels.

5. Decisive Leadership from the Mayor:

Finally, we earnestly reiterate our request for Your Honor to personally attend the April 30 meeting and lead this critical effort. Your presence will set the tone for urgency, unity, and institutional resolve—especially as we begin formulating what could become a legacy initiative for a safer and flood-resilient Tacloban.

We remain fully committed to contributing to this effort and helping ensure the presence of the DPWH Regional Office and other key technical stakeholders at the meeting. We believe that, with your leadership, Tacloban can finally move from reactive response to a proactive and science-based flood resilience agenda.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to building a safer Tacloban City.

Very truly yours,



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