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HON. ARTURO SALAZAR

OIC Regional Executive Director
DENR – Region VIII
Tacloban City, Leyte

Thru: **ENGR. WINSTON SOLITE**
OIC-PENRO Leyte

Subject: **Request for the Identification of Indigenous Tree Species for the Tacloban BYPASS Road Tree-Planting**

Dear **OIC RED Salazar**,

Warm greetings from PH Haiyan Advocacy, Inc.!

In relation to our **tree-planting proposal for the Tacloban City BYPASS Road, dated 24 April 2025 and addressed to DPWH Region VIII**, we are pleased to inform you that a joint site identification activity was successfully conducted by DPWH-VIII and PH Haiyan Advocacy, Inc. on **3 June 2025**.

Subsequently, on **9 June 2025**, we received a call from **Mr. Jimboy B. Dula** of DPWH-VIII requesting our assistance in identifying tree species that **will not pose any risk or threat to BYPASS road infrastructure**. This information is necessary for inclusion in their technical report and recommendation to the DPWH Regional Director.

In this regard, we respectfully seek the assistance of your office in identifying:

- a. Indigenous tree species suitable for planting along road infrastructure that do not pose risks (e.g., root encroachment, height hazards, or maintenance concerns); and
- b. Any DENR guidelines or standards on tree planting along road corridors, particularly those related to reforestation or greening components of public infrastructure projects.

The information you provide will also support our ongoing coordination with DPWH in determining the appropriate number and type of seedlings required along the full stretch of the BYPASS corridor, ensuring that the initiative aligns with both environmental and engineering considerations.

We look forward to your continued cooperation and support.

Very truly yours,

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