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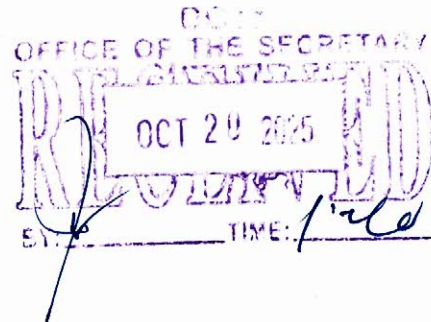
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Secretary

Department of Transportation

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Greenhills, San Juan City



Thru: **ENGR. DANILO T. ABARETA**
Area Manager, Area Center VIII
Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines

Subject: **Inquiry on the Maintenance and Landscaping of the
Access Road Beside the New Tacloban Airport
Terminal**

Dear Secretary Lopez,

Greetings!

We are Taclobanons who deeply love our city and take great pride in the remarkable progress being made at the Daniel Z. Romualdez (DZR) Airport. It is with this same sense of pride and affection for our home that we respectfully bring to your kind attention some observations regarding the present condition of the newly paved access road leading to the new airport terminal.

While the road and its approximately two-meter-wide sidewalk have been completed, the adjoining open areas—including a sizeable portion near the terminal approach—have been left unattended and are now overgrown with grass. We humbly feel that the lack of landscaping and maintenance in such a prominent location somewhat diminishes the beauty and dignity of this major national development, which we all hope will symbolize the resilience and progress of Tacloban and Eastern Visayas.

We have also noticed that the distance between the airport perimeter fence and the sidewalk varies significantly, ranging from about eight (8) meters in some portions to barely a foot in others. In addition, an opening along the fence has become an informal access point to a nearby commercial compound, and a few small stores have been set up beside the fence line. Several billboards have also been installed along the frontage, which, we respectfully submit, may detract from the intended view and aesthetic of the new terminal building.
(Photos attached)

Considering that this ₱2.5-billion infrastructure project is envisioned as the region's primary gateway and a source of civic pride, we raise these observations not in criticism, but in the spirit of constructive concern and public accountability. These conditions may not only affect the overall impression of the facility but could also present safety or security implications for airport operations and the traveling public.

In this light, may we respectfully inquire:

1. Whether the project has already been turned over to the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP) or remains under the contractor's responsibility during the Defects Liability Period;
2. Who is currently tasked with maintaining the roadside and surrounding areas;
3. Whether landscaping and vegetation management are included in the project scope or the turnover plan;
4. Whether the current fence alignment and openings are part of the approved design or the result of right-of-way constraints; and
5. Whether the materials and workmanship of the perimeter fence conform to the project's approved standards, as some portions appear damaged or unstable.

We also respectfully request a copy of the approved **layout and design plans** of the DZR Airport Upgrading Project, particularly those covering the New Terminal Building, access road, perimeter fence, and frontage areas. Having these documents would greatly help the public better understand the scope, alignment, and intent of the project's design and ensure that any observations we make are properly informed and constructive.

We humbly raise these questions in the interest of transparency and prudence in the utilization of public funds, particularly for a government infrastructure project of such scale and importance. As citizens and taxpayers, we believe it is only proper that every aspect of this national investment reflect the same efficiency, integrity, and quality that our leaders envision for the airport and for Tacloban City as a whole.

We sincerely trust that with proper maintenance, landscaping, and uniform fencing, the airport frontage and access road will fully embody the pride and progress that this development represents.

In the public's interest, may we gently request that your good office consider visiting and inspecting the area personally. Your guidance and attention would truly help ensure that the Tacloban Airport development, being a ₱2.5-billion project of national significance, fulfills its purpose as a safe, well-managed, and world-class transport facility.

We look forward to your immediate and most favorable response in ensuring that the DZR Airport project becomes a lasting symbol of good governance and shared pride for all Taclobanons.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Pete' L. Ilagan, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

PETRONILO "Pete" L. ILAGAN
Chairman and President
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His Excellency, President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr
Hon. Jim Sydiongco, DOTr Undersecretary for Aviation and Airports
Hon. Raul L. del Rosario, Director General, CAAP

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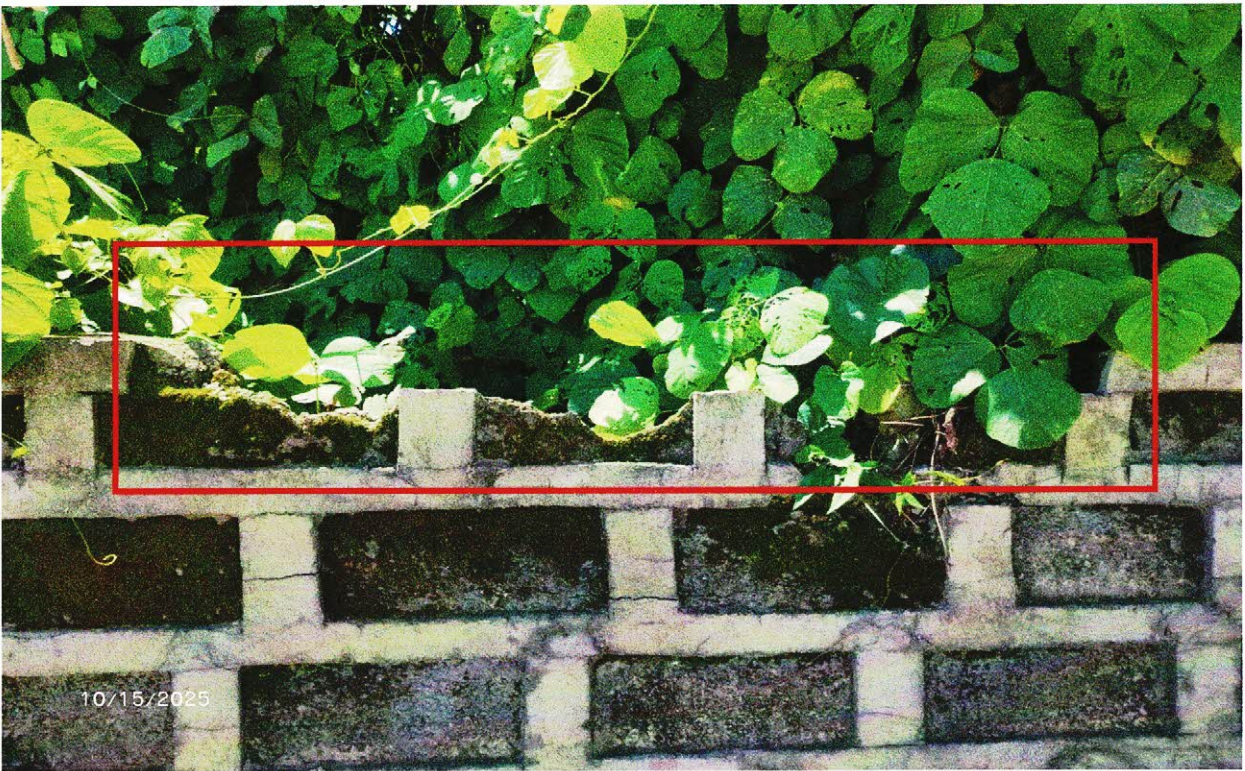
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