

Dear members of the Alumni Association,

As you might well know, our country, the Philippines, was hit by super-typhoon Haiyan just a few days ago. This was the biggest typhoon that anyone has ever seen and it hit our country with full-force. With the typhoon came storm surges, flooding, landslides, flying debris and much more devastation. As of the moment, many areas are completely devastated and are in need of assistance. We still don't know the full extent of the damage. We have been thankful for all those who have asked regarding our families and friends. As of now, some members of our Filipino community have family members in those affected areas but we are hopeful and we know that help is on the way.

Our Filipino community here at APU, under the circle "Bayanihan", has met and are in the process of planning several projects and planning the donations. As of now these are the details that we have confirmed.

DONATION SCHEDULE

We have two major donation dates in place:

A. Goal date to donate: November 20, 2013

Beneficiary: Philippine Red Cross

- We decided to donate to Philippine Red Cross due to their professional team, equipment, staff and resources that can readily help the people in the badly hit areas. Our aim for this donation is to give what we can as soon as possible for immediate relief.
- We will be sending Filipino representatives from APU, Prof. Lailani Alcantara and several Filipino alumni students to meet the Red Cross Chairman to receive our donation. This will be done on November 25th, 2013 in Manila.
- Should you be interested in donating directly to Red Cross online, please check out their website at: <http://www.redcross.org.ph/>

B. Goal donation date: January 2 to 3, 2014 (As soon as Philippine Banks are open)

Beneficiary: Home Rebuilding / Community Development related NGO (not yet decided)

- We are considering Habitat for Humanity and other domestic NGOs that are focused on building homes and shelters. We realize that 2 months after the disaster, they will start building better temporary shelters and permanent shelters so we would like to focus our donations on those efforts

CURRENT PROJECTS

1) Bayanihan Haiyan Aid Booth

- i. The booth is open from November 12th – 22nd from 2nd period to 5th period.
- ii. The purpose is to inform the APU community with regards to the said disaster that happened in the Philippines. And also, we would like to collect as many donations as soon as possible to give immediate relief goods to the affected areas; it will be done through Professor Lani Alcantara, who will be going back to the Philippines on November 20, she will then be forwarding the donations to **Red Cross** together with Sidney Roxas and Rina Opinion, APU Alumni.

2) Charity Concert

- i. The concert will be held some time on December.
- ii. The Charity Concert is to raise funds that will be turned to donations through tickets, merchandise and/ or food and will be lead by Camille Armas. As to the clear details of the events, we will discuss as a more formal plan is discussed.

3) Fund Raising Activities

- i. Oita Tokiwa
 1. This will be held on November 24th in Oita Tokiwa.
 2. This is a fund raising activity that was offered by Mr. Futoshi Takano, a representative of NPO. We will simply ask for a plea for donations regarding the victims of typhoon Haiyan. On our side, it will be lead by Lee Ejercito. The representative will be securing the permit on our behalf.

Should you have any questions, comments or should you be interested in supporting us, please get in touch with us through Camille Armas (camiar10@apu.ac.jp).

Please keep the Philippines in your thoughts and prayers during this trying time.

Sincerely,

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