

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

This Memorandum of Understanding is entered into by and among:

The **TUGUEGARAO CITY GOVERNMENT**, a local government unit created and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines with primary office address at Tuguegarao City Hall, Regional Government Center, Enrile Boulevard, Barangay Carig Sur, Tuguegarao City, Cagayan represented herein by its City Mayor, **ATTY. JEFFERSON P. SORIANO**, hereinafter referred to as the '**FIRST PARTY**'

and

The **CAGAYAN STATE UNIVERSITY**, a government institution/agency created and operating under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with primary address at Barangay Caritan Sur, Tuguegarao City herein represented by their Director/Head, **DR. URDUJA ALVARADO**, hereinafter referred to as the '**SECOND PARTY**'

WITNESSETH THAT:

WHEREAS, it is one of the principles and state policies of the 1987 Philippine Constitution (Section 16, Article II) that 'the State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm of nature;'

WHEREAS, in fulfillment of the above principle and state policy, Tuguegarao City, with its partner organization, Northern Natural Resources Conservation Inc., conceptualized the Tuguegarao One Million Trees Movement (TOMTM) as one of the long-term solutions to address the growing environmental concerns of the City;

WHEREAS, Tuguegarao City enacted City Ordinance No. 26-08-2021 entitled: "An Ordinance Institutionalizing the Tuguegarao City One Million Trees Movement (TOMTM) and Declaring every 25th Day of June and every year thereafter as Arbor Day in the City and Providing Funds Thereof" to institutionalize TOMTM;

WHEREAS, TOMTM will only be successful if there is multi-sectoral cooperation through an all-inclusive partnership with government line agencies, private entities, academe, civil society and professional organizations;

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing premises, the PARTIES do hereby agree to undertake the following commitments to ensure the success and sustainability of the Tuguegarao One Million Trees Movement (TOMTM):

Section 1. Purpose and Objectives. The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to provide a framework for an all-inclusive partnership among

stakeholders and the City of Tuguegarao, in collaboration with various government line agencies ensuring the success and sustainability of the TOMTM project.

The main objective is:

To plant and take care of One Million Trees in Tuguegarao City in three (3) years.

Section 2. Scope of Agreement. The PARTIES undertake to cooperate within the framework of their respective mandates and authority in the implementation of this MOU.

Section 3. Roles of Parties. Geared towards the fulfillment of the purpose and objective of this MOU, each of the parties shall undertake the following:

FIRST PARTY

The Tuguegarao City Government, primarily through the City Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO), shall:

- a. Perform the main oversight function in the implementation of the project;
- b. Extend financial and technical assistance to the Second Party when necessary;
- c. Collaborate closely with the Second Party in the assignment of land areas, plant types, and in the setting of targets of the number of trees planted;
- d. Schedule ocular inspection;
- e. Conduct hands-on coaching, training, seminars as needed;
- f. Monitor the Second Party on the committed target number of planted trees/bamboo propagules from time to time, and whether these trees are being cared for and nurtured by the Second Party;
- g. Provide feedback and evaluation mechanisms to the Second Party on the status of the planted trees/bamboo propagules, and require the Second Party to regularly submit reports; and
- h. After sufficient monitoring, may withdraw areas to the Second Party if the latter is not fulfilling its commitments.

SECOND PARTY

The **Second Party** through the leadership of their Director/ Agency Head shall:

- a. Be assigned identified area or areas, and it is their responsibility to plant the required tree species and number, and to ensure that these seedlings grow;
- b. Procure or grow their needed seedlings to meet their tree targets for planting;
- c. Provide whatever assistance they can extend in the preparation and actual conduct of tree-planting and care activities;
- d. Allocate a portion of their budget for the maintenance of the trees planted in the Second Party's area of responsibility as may be allowed by laws and other issuances;
- e. Make the time and services of its line agency's personnel available for the tree-planting and caring activities;
- f. Ensure the sustainability of the reforestation efforts by continued and periodic monitoring of reforested or tree-planting areas, and to conduct tree care activities (such as but not limited to installation of tree guards, watering, use of organic fertilizer, trimming, weeding and the like);
- g. Monitor the planted trees regularly; and

- h. Submit to the First Party a monthly report on the status of the trees through (link).

Section 4. Effectivity. This Memorandum of Understanding shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force for three years, unless hereafter extended by agreement of all parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have agreed hereunto to affix their signatures this _____ day of _____, in Tuguegarao City, Cagayan.

For **TUGUEGARAO CITY GOVERNMENT**

ATTY. JEFFERSON P. SORIANO
City Mayor

For **CAGAYAN STATE UNIVERSITY**

DR. URDUJA ALVARADO
University President



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November 12, 2021

DR. URDUJAH G. ALVARADO

President

Cagayan State University
Tuguegarao City

Dear President Alvarado:

Greetings!

The Tuguegarao City Government together with its its partners and stakeholders in the Tuguegarao One Million Trees Movement (TOMTM) hereby extend its profound gratitude for your active involvement through the Planting of **180 Bamboo Bayog Propagules in Barangay Libag Norte, Tuguegarao City and 70 Bamboo Bayog Propagules in Barangay Centro 10, Tuguegarao City.**

To ensure sustainability of the project and as discussed during the Tree Summit 2021, please find the herein attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding our partnership in making TOMTM a success. Also, we have attached a layout of TOMTM tarpaulin which can be posted in your respective offices and websites as part of our marketing campaign. For monitoring purposes, a TOMTM monitoring sheet may be accessed at <https://forms.gle/tDLSPH41GSXBuLFk8> for us to check on your planted propagules and seedlings.

We are looking forward to amore fruitful partnership in making our City a livable city for all.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


ATTY. JEFFERSON P. SORIANO

City Mayor

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"Napafuturu nga Passerwi, Pammacapianan na Magili!"