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Office of the Chancellor

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President

Mabalacat City College

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Dear **President Aguilar-Ong**:

Greetings from the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB)!

We take this opportunity to invite you to become the **newest member** of the **Philippines-Canada Network for Sustainability (PCNS)**. This is a follow-up to the invitation of Chancellor Camacho during the British Columbia International Education conference in Victoria Canada in June this year.

As you know, PCNS was organized under the robust support and leadership of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED). Recognizing your dedication to economic and environmental sustainability, we invite your organization to join PCNS. The PCNS aims to strengthen relations between Philippine higher education institutions, promote higher education and professional training in national development, enhance cooperation and mutual assistance in the provision of higher education and professional training, and pioneer microcredentialing centered on sustainability in the Philippines.

We eagerly anticipate your presence at the signing ceremony of our Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on 27 September 2023 at UPLB. Your participation will be invaluable to this significant occasion.

Moreover, the occasion will also be highlighted by the launch of the newest project of PCNS made possible through the generous funding of the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI). This project entitled "Engendering Climate Resilience and Sustainable Valorization of Bukidnon Indigenous Food Products" or Project MOCHA (Management of Coffee, Honey and Adlai) is co- led by Dr. Catherine Roween C. Almaden, President of the Northern Bukidnon State College along with Dr. Nathaniel C. Bantayan, Vice Chancellor for Research and Extension UPLB. We expect that the partners of Project MOCHA in the persons of the mayor of the Municipality of Sumilao Hon. Jose Antonio A. Villo and his Vice Mayor Hon. Jim Baula, the mayor of the Municipality of Manolo Fortich Hon. Rogelio N. Quino and his Vice Mayor Hon. Reynaldo L.

Bagayas, Jr., including the honorable congressman from the First District of Bukidnon, Hon. Jose Manuel F. Alba will also be present.

The Ambassador of Canada to the Philippines Honorable David B. Hartman, Ms. Angel Cachuela and other officials from the Canadian Embassy will also be in attendance.

We look forward to having you on this momentous occasion and being the newest member of PCNS. For confirmation of your attendance, you may contact Mr. John Paulo S. Quitoriano at 0915-810-7972 or via email at jsquitoriano@up.edu.ph.

Thank you very much.

Truly yours,



ROLANDO T. BELLO
Vice Chancellor for Administration
and Officer-in-Charge 