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Subject: Invitation to Pintakasi Lab Learning Journey Sessions

Attention: Eduardo O. Mangaoang, PhD.

Director, Regional Climate Change R&D Center

Dear Dr. Tulin,

Greetings!

The Philippine Red Cross, through the support of the Netherlands Red Cross, implements the Integrated Coastal Zone Management Project (ICZMP) in seven partner communities in Northern Tacloban. This project intends to build the capacity for disaster risk reduction with the inclusion of mangrove reforestation, livelihoods, and WASH. Part of its initiative is the landscape programme, which looks at the broader perspective of community resilience by bringing a diverse range of stakeholders to work together to build on the existing capacities to address the disaster and climate risks.

The landscape program created a multi-stakeholder platform called Pintakasi Lab. The activities are focused on collaboration, establishing partnership support, and creating space for learning and sharing ideas that would guide us in developing a long-term vision for the landscape. We have had a few workshops and online sessions, which helped us and the partners to discover the socio-cultural and ecological landscape.

As we hope to continue our learning process, the undersigned would like to collaborate with you and request a visit to your university from June 13 to June 15, 2022. The visit will allow us and our partners to learn from your environment and climate change initiatives. It will also enable us to know and understand the critical restoration needs of the landscape as we discover, design, and develop a long-term plan of action. Please see attached program for your reference.

We highly appreciate your positive feedback and confirmation. Ms. Aiyan Montoya, National Project Officer, will be contacting you or your representative to follow through with the request. Should there be any clarifications, you may reach her through email at aiyan.montoya@redcross.org.ph or mobile number +63 919 002 8548.

Sincerely.

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