

Summary Report on UPLBAGA Projects at UPLB

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The UPLB Alumni Association in America (UPLBAA-America) was organized on October 5, 1996. Its major objective among others is to assist UPLB maintain or enhance its long tradition of academic excellence and valuable service to the nation. Consistent with its objectives, the Association admirably existed and productively performed its functions for more than 15 years until IRS revoked its permit as a tax-exempt organization due to an oversight of its requirements.

The unfavorable situation however, did not deter or dampen the spirit and strong resolve of the members and officers of the Association to accomplish their mission of assisting in some of the needs of their Alma Mater. Officers of UPLBAA-America painstakingly re-organized the Association. UPLBAA-America is now UPLB Alumni Group in America (UPLBAGA) with its original objectives, lifetime members and a new permit as a non-profit group granted by the California Franchise Tax Board. Our gratitude and sincere thanks to Gani Sarmiento, Pan and Julie Belo, Odette Ledesma and Budit Flor Cruz for spearheading the re-organization efforts.

With its 170 lifetime members during the past 20 years, UPLBAGA successfully accomplished the following projects at UPLB:

A. Cash Donations (\$ 27,760) :

- \$ 1,560 for purchase of computer and digital camera for the **Office of Alumni Relations (OAR)**.
- \$ 1,000 to buy minor surgical equipment for **UPLB Health Services**.
- \$ 1,000 for purchase of computer for the **Pahinungod Office, a UPLB Volunteer Service Program**.
- \$ 1,500 to buy computer and scanner for the **UPLB Publication Office**.
- \$ 500 to help buy more bedding supplies for **UPLB Health Services**.
- \$ 2,000 for the purchase of audio-visual projector for the **Institute of Biological Sciences**.
- \$ 2,000 for **UPLB restoration fund** after the massive destruction from **typhoon Milenyo** on September 28, 2006.
- \$ 200 donated to the **UPLB Community Chest Fund**.
- **\$ 500** a one-time **scholastic grant** to two needy and bright **UP Rural High School students**.
- \$ 1,500 to help construct a corridor to connect the two **UPLB Health Services** buildings.
- \$ 1,000 to help build one low income family house for **Gawad Kalinga at Putho**, near UPLB.
- \$ 5,000 to help establish an **Electronic Bulletin Board at the UPLB Campus**.
- **\$ 5,000** assistance for the expansion of the **UPLB Health Services** building. The amount was re-allocated from the initial remittance for a cancelled \$ 35,000 Professorial Chair Pledge at UPLB.
- **\$ 5,000** assistance for completion of the 2nd floor wing of the **Institute of Biological Sciences** building. After its completion, the wing was named **UPLBAGA Wing**. A UPLBAGA plaque containing the names of its lifetime members was installed on the wall at the wing entrance.

B. Establishment of Student Emergency Loan Funds (\$ 37,000):

1. The Loreto Escobin Oliva-Josefina Malang-Hsiao Student Emergency Loan Fund (LEO-JMH SELF):

One of UPLBAGA's projects with major impact at UPLB is the Loreto Escobin Oliva-Josefina Malang-Hsiao Student Emergency Loan Fund (LEO-JMH SELF). Initiated by the former UPLBAA-America and supported by the Oliva and Malang-Hsiao families, the LEO-JMH SELF was established at UPLB in April 2011 in perpetual memory of ETO Oliva and Josie Malang-Hsiao, both UPLB alumni and outstanding members and officers of UPLBAGA. The starting principal amount of the LEO-JMH SELF was **12,000 dollars** or an equivalent of **525,990 pesos**. December 31, 2015 Financial Report showed that **532** students availed of the program since its implementation and the LEO-JMH SELF had a balance of **Five Hundred fifty five thousand one hundred eighty two pesos and forty four centavos (PhP 555,182.44)**.

2. The UPLBAGA Lifetime Members Student Emergency Loan Fund (UPLBAGA LIME SELF): Strongly encouraged by the satisfactory performance of the LEO-JMH SELF, UPLBAGA established the "UPLBAGA Lifetime Members Student Emergency Loan Fund" (UPLBAGA LIME SELF) at UPLB with a principal amount of **25,000 dollars or an**

equivalent of 1,085,000 pesos (25,000 X 43.40) from the former UPLBAAA lifetime membership fees. As with the LEO-JMH SELF, the UPLBAGA LIME SELF is implemented and managed by the Scholarships and Financial Assistance Division (SFAD) of the UPLB Office of Student Affairs (OSA) starting January 2015. December 31, 2015 Financial Report indicated that **140** students were granted loans and the program had a balance of **One million eighty three thousand three hundred sixty three pesos and fifty two centavos (Php 1,083,363.52)**.

All lifetime members of the Group are perpetual stake holders of the UPLBAGA LIME SELF, a strong expression of profound and everlasting gratitude and loyalty to our Alma Mater. During the past 20 years, a total of \$ 64,760 or an equivalent of PhP 2,978,960 (PhP46: Dollar) was donated by UPLBAGA for accomplishment of various projects at UPLB.

- C. Technical Assistance:** This is being mediated through the technical services of the four UPLBAGA members-Balik Scientist awardees of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Balik Scientist Program (BSP). See details on page 5.
- D. Scholarship:** UPLBAGA co-sponsored with the Escuro Family in the implementation of the **Dr. Pedro B. Escuro Memorial Scholarship in Agronomy at UPLB from June 2002 to April, 2012.**
- E. Book Donations:** Shipped Six Balikbayan boxes of books as donation to the UPLB Library.

The above-stated projects at UPLB were successfully accomplished through the dedicated, unselfish, effective and absolutely transparent management of the functions and projects of the Group and the generous and sustained financial support from grateful members and friends of UPLBAGA. The crowning glory and clear Testimony of UPLBAGA's noble deeds for its Alma Mater and motherland is its reception of the highly coveted UPAA Most Outstanding Alumni Chapter Award worldwide in 2010.

Mabuhay UPLBAGA! Push On UP! Onward with the Renowned UPLB Spirit!