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Dear Dr. Tongco,

We at the Maritime Academy of Asia and the Pacific, Mariveles, Bataan, Philippines are continually seeking emergent technologies to empower us to face new challenges in the domestic and global information and communications technology areas. We are keen specifically on building capacity in geographic information systems (GIS) technology for our institution. Our initial interests lie on introducing our faculty and staff to GIS and how it could help us in the CHED's mandated functions such as instruction, research and extension services in terms of a more effective and efficient campus administration.

I am glad and thankful that Dr. Angelica M. Baylon, our passionate and pioneering Research and Extension Services Director at MAAP had an almost a year coordination with you on the possible uses of GIS which you kindly responded. Dr. Baylon has reported to me everything and had submitted project proposals as outputs of her effective coordination with you being the Founder, Father and Project Director of the Philippine GIS data Clearing House (www.philgis.org). She also coordinated with our Department Heads for their interest in GIS.

With you as her designated GIS adviser, she finally came up with four project proposals as part of MAAP research and extension services initiatives for the four institutions that are close to us in one way or the other. These are MAAP, BPSU, Provincial Office and the Philippine Navy. As she is good in coming up projects that would be beneficial to all concerned institutions who may be interested, as proponent she came up with an activity:

PAEPI-PAIR –PhilARM –PAMI-PAMTCI –NAUCP: A 2-day National Seminar Workshop (March 19-20, 2012) Caravan on GIS with the theme: “Enhancing Capability using GIS”.

As the school year ends by the end of March or April, we have proposed the following schedule for the 4-day trainings at these 4 host institutions:

March 5- your meeting with Phil Navy N8 for the proposed training on March 26-29

March 6- your meeting with Provincial Engineering office and BPSU

1st week (March 7-10, 2012) - 4-day training hosted by Bataan Provincial Engineering Office
c/o Engr. Eric Yuzon, with the theme “*Enhancing the Provincial Capacity of LGUs Using GIS*”

2nd week (March 13-16, 2012) – Hosted by the Bataan Peninsula State University
With the theme “*Enhancing the Institutional Capacity of BPSU Using GIS*”

3rd week (March 21-24, 2011) – 4-day training hosted by the Maritime Academy of Asia and the Pacific
with the theme “*Enhancing the HEIs Institutional Capacities Using GIS*”

4th week (March 26-29, 2011) – Hosted by the Philippine Navy (c/o Capt Sean Anthony U. Villa of N8 Education and Training, Roxas Blvd Manila) 4-day GIS Training with the theme “*Enhancing the Institutional Capacities of Philippine Navy Using GIS*”



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It is advisable to start with the provincial engineering office as they are aware of GIS and some their personnel have been trained; however, using GIS in Bataan was not realized because of the cost of the software. I understand that Dr. Baylon arranged with you to include in the training the free GIS software to be installed in the respective computer of the participants. In this regard, we would appreciate it, if you can give us a brief description or outline of the training-workshop program for each of the cited four groups as scheduled which we shall attached to our request for CHED endorsement. Once we have the CHED endorsement, we shall inform and email all the co-member institutions (PAEPI, PAIR, PhilARM, PAMI, NAUCP) for their information and interest to participate on the various aforementioned training schedules.

For the activities to be hosted by MAAP (March 16-17), the first two days would be a National introduction to GIS and the presentation of the proposed project designed for a university with BPSU as the pilot test model. The Conference will have an opening and closing programme with messages from the Presidents PAEPI, PAIR, PhilARM and NAUCP with a closing ceremonies for the preparation of the resolution among the present institutions who would like to conduct similar 36-page proposed 2-year project entitled *"University wide Integration of Geographic Information System (GIS): Enhancing Campus Management and Academic Capability"*. The target audience or participants are Presidents of HEIs or its representative. In case the number of interested participants would turn out to be more than what is expected, then that would be a good documented evidence that Dr. Baylon may use in her justification for the approval of DOST and other funding agencies.

The result of this 2-day National conference would serve as a backgrounder to be used by Dr. Baylon in applying for the DOST Balikbayan Scientist Program to ensure successful implementation of the 2 year project intended to start in 2013-2014. As per her coordination with DOST, this agency may shoulder the airfare and daily subsistence (\$150/day) of the invited scientist as well as its one companion (wife, daughter or son) in the entire duration of the project. The benefiting institutions counterpart would only be the use of its institutional infrastructure, facilities, equipment, manpower and services.

As always, MAAP would like to share the project conceptualized by our Director Dr. Baylon to our co-member institutions at PAEPI, PAIR, PhilARM, PAMI, PAMTCI and NAUCP for their respective institutional capability enhancement using GIS as tool, with MAAP (private maritime), BPSU (state university), Provincial Office (local Government units) and Philippine Navy (government agency) as pilot test institutions. Dr. Baylon also intends to document the project and come up with various funded GIS-Based Research and Projects for these institutions. Eventually, we could avail of the CHED support for a national accredited research journal to be led by MAAP and BPSU with you as one of the invited members of the editorial board.

For the beneficiary host institutions, Dr. Baylon will coordinate for your free accommodations, meals and local transportation on those inclusive dates. We would like to know how much the training shall cost us, per institution as per proposed schedule above. Trusting that this invitation will merit your acceptance. Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,


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