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The Health Sciences Campus of the UP SYSTEM

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Subject: Re: SAFETY UPDATE 1

Re: Latest UPM News (as of 13 Dec. 2016)

-- Memo declaring "12 meters from the edge of Academic Center excavation site as Danger Zones"

To the UP Manila Community:

First, please join me in extending our appreciation to the efforts of **Dr. Charles Gundran** who coordinated the retrieval of important documents and historical collections from the University Library and Medical Library. We also thank **Director Gap Legaspi** and **DDA Tere Benedicto** for the dietary support deployed during our evacuation activities.

I also thank those who volunteered to help. We were advised by the Chancellor to allow **ONLY** trained personnel to participate in this risky mission.

To date, we have retrieved a substantial percentage of the 1870s collections, Filipiniana, and the entire 4th floor archives collection. It is also safe to assume that the building is now a little bit lighter.

Yesterday (December 15), we had to abort operations when members of the Army rescue brigade rushed out of the building after seeing the floor and stair riser crack before their very eyes. MDRRO incident commander **Gerardo Toledo Jr.** ordered that the site be abandoned and cordoned off.

SAFETY FIRST

On 15 December, we presented to the BOR events as we monitored them from our initial inspection on December 6 to present. We recommended plans to ensure that lives and properties are safe. The Board endorsed DPWH's recommendation to secure the services of a forensic structural engineer to assist the university in the legal repercussions of this event.

Rest assured, we will be on the ground to monitor and direct actions in accordance with what is required by the situation.

Michael L. Tee

Vice Chancellor for Planning and Development

Over-all in-Charge of Evacuation

Evacuation Team

Incident Commander: Gerardo Toledo Jr. and Johnny Yu, Director of Manila DRRMO

Deputy for Medical Emergency: Dr. Carlos Primero D. Gundran

Deputy for Engineering: Arch. Allen R. Buenaventura

Deputy for Security: Major Elias Lagasca Jr.

Deputy for Document Relocation: Gina Canceran

Safety Officer: Engr. Lauro Canceran

Members of MMDA

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