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10 January, 1997

MINISTER GREGORIO
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RE: VISIT OF SENATOR EDGARDO ANGARA TO BANGKOK

Greetings and Best wishes for 1997 !!

The Office of Senator Angara has confirmed his acceptance to participate in the Preparatory Meeting of the Regional Conference on Higher Education in Bangkok on 28 January. Senator Angara will be arriving in Bangkok from Singapore on SQ 66 at 1715 on Sunday the 26th.

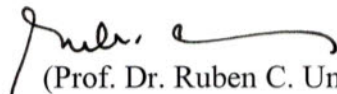
In this connection, I am respectfully informing the Embassy of his arrival and am respectfully requesting your kind assistance in meeting him at the airport. UNESCO personnel will be meeting the Japanese and Chinese delegates and have requested my help in meeting Dr. Angara as Ms Lucille Gregorio of UNESCO will be out of town on mission. Unfortunately, I do not have anymore access to an airport pass and car in Bangkok. Is it possible to assign somebody from the office to meet him. I will still be available to accompany your staff to the airport if he would designate the meeting time at the embassy. My phone in Bangkok is 391.6140.

Unfortunately, I will be in Hanoi from the 13th to 24th of January and so kindly communicate to SUT whatever information will be needed.

We have made the necessary reservations for him at the Imperial Queen's Park during the duration of his stay. I will be available to take care of him on the 27th as it is a free day for him. I do not know if the embassy would like to schedule some activities for him.

Thank you for your kind consideration and assistance.

Yours sincerely,



(Prof. Dr. Ruben C. Umaly)

Director, Center for International Affairs

PASUGUAN NG PILIPINAS



EMBASSY OF THE PHILIPPINES

BANGKOK, THAILAND

Center for International Affairs	
No.	1069 / 2500
Date.	23 JUNE 1997
Time.	11:00

13 June 1997

Sir:

With reference to your letter dated 17 December 1996, on your request for assistance in promoting international activities in Suranaree University of Technology, enclosed, for your information, is a self-explanatory letter dated 2 June 1997 to Hon. Ricardo T. Gloria from Mr. Lauro L. Baja, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Office of Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of Foreign Affairs.

Very truly yours,

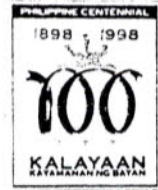

REYNALDO O. ARCILLA
Ambassador

Prof. Dr. Ruben C. Umaly
Director
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OFFICE OF ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS

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02 June 1997

Dear Secretary Gloria :

The Philippine Embassy in Bangkok was informed by Prof. Dr. Ruben C. Umaly, Director for the Center for International Affairs of Suranaree University of Technology (SUT) regarding their request for assistance and cooperation in promoting some international activities in their university.

SUT is a newly established (1990) state but autonomous university for engineering and medicine in Nakhon Ratchasima, Thailand.


The proposed activity would involve the introduction of their students to our system of education, development in technology, literature, arts and etc..

It would be highly appreciated if you could consider a possible cooperation in cultural promotion including exchange of students and faculty with SUT.

Enclosed are two (2) leaflets on SUT.

Very truly yours,

For the Secretary of Foreign Affairs :


LAURO A. BAJA, JR..
Assistant Secretary

Hon. RICARDO T. GLORIA

Secretary

Department of Education, Culture & Sports

University of Life Complex, Meralco Ave., Pasig

cc : CHED

AmbaPhil Bangkok

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RE: INVITATION FOR MS. CORAZON AQUINO

Greetings and Best Wishes for 1997 !!

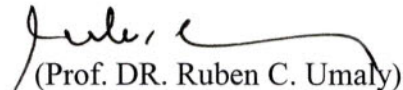
It is with great regret that we are temporarily withdrawing the invitation for Ms. Corazon C. Aquino to be the speaker to the Fulbright Foundation Convention in Bangkok. It was not possible for the Foundation to adjust their activity with the date of availability given by Ms. Aquino. The Board has decided to postpone indefinitely the Convention as they felt February is now too close to assure adequate preparations for her visit.

The Board will reschedule the Foundation Convention in the very near future and still would like to have Ms. Aquino as their keynote speaker. We will communicate again with Ms. Aquino hopefully once more your kind intervention and assistance.

I am really very sorry for whatever inconvenience the change in date may have caused and I am hoping I could call again for your kind intercession in the future.

Thank you very much.

Yours sincerely,



(Prof. DR. Ruben C. Umaly)
Director, Center for International Affairs

PASUGUAN NG PILIPINAS



EMBASSY OF THE PHILIPPINES

BANGKOK, THAILAND

Center for International Affairs
No. 83/2546
Date. 14 JAN 1997
Time 19:30

6 January 1997

Sir :

Dear Ruben,

Your letter dated 17 December 1996 requesting for assistance in cultural promotion between your University and Philippine colleges and universities has been referred to the relevant office in Manila.

At present, the Embassy received a similar request from the Institute for Foreign Study (IFS) from the Philippines. In this regard, you may wish to write to Ms. Ma. Carmen C. Sedigo, President, IFS, Suite 503, Ferros Bel-Air Tower, No. 30 Polaris St., Bel-Air, 1209, Makati City, Philippines, telephone numbers (632) 896-70-10 to 11 and fax number (632) 896-04-71.

The Embassy will keep in mind your university in case of international activity or cultural-exchange in the future that would be of interest to you.

Warm personal regards.

Very truly yours,

For the Ambassador:

Rolando S. Gregorio
ROLANDO S. GREGORIO
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H.E. REYNALDO O. ARCILLA
Philippine Ambassador to Thailand
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Thailand

RE: INVITATION TO MS. CORAZON AQUINO TO VISIT THAILAND

Your Excellency:

Prof. Dr. Wichit Srisa-an, Rector of Suranaree University of Technology, President of the Association of Universities in Asia and the Pacific and former Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of University Affairs, Thailand, will be organizing the Fulbright Association of Thailand on 8 February 1997. The association of about 1000 members would like to have Ms. Corazon Aquino, a Fulbright Prize Winner to be the keynote speaker of the gala dinner on that night. She could talk on any international topic of her interest or of relevance to the region.

Prof. Dr. Wichit has requested me to make the necessary preliminary contact with Ms. Aquino to inquire about her availability and willingness to be the guest of honor and keynote speaker. He will later follow up the invitation personally once the contact has been made. Thailand will shoulder all the expenses including one or two companions.

In pursuance of our conversation on the 9th of this month during the Choral Concert at Montien Hotel, and cognizant of your close relation with Mrs. Aquino, may I respectfully request your kind assistance in interceding to Mrs. Aquino on behalf of Dr. Wichit and kindly extend to her the invitation. I shall be deeply grateful for whatever kind consideration you may extend this request.

Thank you and best regards.

Sincerely,

Ruben C. Umaly
Director,
Center for Int'l Affairs
Suranaree University

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9 August 1996

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RE: VISIT OF MINISTER OF UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS, THAILAND

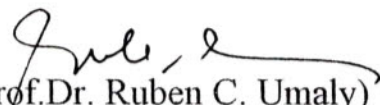
It is again with deep regret that H.E. Mr. Boonchu Treethong has to postpone again his scheduled trip to Manila because of some unavoidable commitments in Bangkok. Although the Mr. Boonchu is not included among the ministers who may be censured by the Parliament, he nevertheless must be present to defend the party. There may be a coming debate in August and September and so the Prime Minister has canceled all permit to travel abroad of all ministers.

He apologizes for any inconvenience that this cancellation may cause. He however hopes to pursue the projected trip in October. He is looking forward to the visit to Manila and Dumaguete to see also Siliman University.

Thank you for your kind assistance and I will keep the Commission informed of any developments from Bangkok.

Please accept my warm personal regards and best wishes . I hope you have a very pleasant and successful mission to London.

Yours sincerely,


(Prof. Dr. Ruben C. Umaly)
Director, Center for International Affairs

therefore be easier for CHED to accord him all the honors and hospitality in mid December or mid January after the APEC, but before the Christmas holidays of the universities.

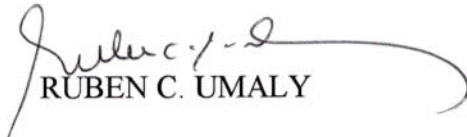
I will already try to sensitize informally Dr. Wanchai to possible changes due to difficulties in making the necessary arrangements. If their intentions are sincere, I am sure they will understand as our reasons are legitimate.

SUT apologizes for any inconvenience that all these have caused. Once again, thank you very much for all your most kind assistance and support. We are looking forward to legitimate visits and cooperation with CHED and some universities in our country.

Maraming marami pong salamat sa lahat ng inyong tulong at pangunawa.

With best regards.,

Sincerely,


RUBEN C. UMALY

CC:

DR. MONA VALISNO
Commissioner



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RE: VISIT TO THE PHILIPPINES

Dear Dr. Alcala,

I tried to contact CHED late afternoon yesterday but no success. Upon receipt of a copy of the letter of Dr. Wanchai to Dr. Valisno, I forwarded it immediately to the office of the Rector. He has just arrived a few minutes then from Bangkok. He called me to his office and informed me that he was not contacted by the Minister nor Wanchai regarding the matter. He has requested me to contact you **AND RECOMMENDED THE SAME ADVICE OF REQUESTING HIM TO POSTPONE THE TRIP TO MID DECEMBER OR EVEN BETTER MID JANUARY.**

The proposed visit on the 21st is obviously a political move on his part. It would be only about 4 days after the election and the new government would not have been formed and so no cabinet members would have been appointed. Thus at that time he will still be part of the caretaker government. If he is not reelected as MP or even if reelected but not appointed as Minister, then the recognition given by our government could be used as part of his promotional campaign for the position. On the other hand if the visit is after the formation of the new government, then if reappointed, we can legitimately give him the full honors during the visit. If he is not reappointed then he can still visit as former Minister and we could equally give him the honor, but this time it will not have political implications as what would happen if the visit is pursued. Under the present conditions, SUT cannot participate in the visit.

As a legitimate excuse you can state that CHED has been given other assignments to attend to accompanying delegates of heads of states as early as the 19th and therefore transportation and human resources of the office will all be utilized for the purpose. There is also difficulty of finding good hotels during the period. It will