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Subject: POSSIBLE COLLABORATION WITH THE PHILIPPINES
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Dear Dr. Gardner,

Thank you for your letter of 6 November which arrived the 16th of December. I am sorry for the delay in my response as I was out of the country when your letter arrived.

I am very grateful for your kind interest to participate in the Mindanao Advanced Education Project in the Philippines. It involves a networking or a consortium of some universities in the biggest island of the Philippines (Mindanao) for human resource development in science, agriculture, engineering, language, environment and peace education.

The program includes some scholarships either for MSc or Ph.D. for some of the young faculty members of the member universities. Thus, we are looking for universities with the appropriate academic programs. Some foreign professors will also be invited as guest professors or resource persons in the development of research programs and updating of curricular offerings. We also would like to develop collaborative research and possible sharing of multimedia courseware for undergraduate and graduate studies in the above mentioned fields.

The Commission on Higher Education of the Philippines is planning to call a meeting of possible donor or partner countries in February next year. Canada will be one of the countries to be invited for possible CIDA assistance.

I am a Filipino, former professor of the University of the Philippines, but presently on secondment to Thailand and am serving as resource person for the Mindanao Project.

Once again, thank you for your kind interest and I hope Philippines and Canada could work together in this human resource development project.

Yours sincerely,
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Dear Dr. Umaly:

We recently received information from the Canadian Education Centre Network (Subscriber opportunity OPP: 1-092997-74) regarding potential linkages with the Philippines, and identifying yourself as a point of contact for further information. While some of our faculty or Dept. Heads may contact you independently, I wanted to express a general interest in exploring further some of the opportunities for linkages. With respect to the areas outlined in the CEC information, the Faculty of Science has strong programs in biology, mathematics, and chemistry, with a focus on marine systems. We are interested in recruiting more international students to our programs, both at the undergraduate and graduate levels, and in facilitating collaboration by faculty.

I am not sure of the best way to proceed from this point, but perhaps you could let me have your ideas on possible approaches to enhance the interaction between Memorial and the Philippines. We have a strong international programs office here, which has good experience of working in the far-flung corners of the globe, but before I get them involved, I would like to get a better idea of the sorts of programs we might consider. Please feel free to reply by e-mail (ggardner@morgan.ucs.mun.ca); I attempted to send this by e-mail, but am afraid I do not have your proper address (at least, a message sent to 'umaly@sura1.sut.ac.th' was bounced back as undeliverable).

I will be looking forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

**Grant A. Gardner, Associate Dean
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