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To: University of the Philippines Alumni
Association of Australia-New South Wales

Dear UPAAA-NSW,

Greetings of Peace!

As I reach the final stages of my journey as an undergraduate student, I can't help but look back and remember what was then a dream for me. This dream, to finish my degree in Community Development at the University of the Philippines Diliman, has been a challenging adventure given the state of higher education in our country.

This journey is not my own, but it is shared with individuals and groups that have been supporting me such as my family, friends, organizations, communities that I have engaged with, and God. As UPAAA-NSW's fifth scholar, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude, in behalf of my family, for the support that the organization has given me during my academic journey.

As I graduate this coming April 2014, I plan to engage in development work through NGOs and government by engaging families, individuals, groups and communities in projects and activities that aim to address pressing issues in the fields of disaster risk reduction and management, human rights, good governance and ethical leadership. Research work and education has also been my interest and I also plan to engage in this activity in the near future.

Our engagement in the past semesters has made me realize that it is not a mere recipient-donor relationship, but a committed partnership to our University and to the larger society as *kaagapay*.

Para sa Bayan,

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