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Department of Health  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

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**DR. SHIGERU SUGANAMI**

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Dear **President Suganami**:

The Government of Philippines, through the Department of Health (DOH), would like to express its sincerest gratitude to your medical team/s that are currently deployed in Bohol, Panay and Leyte from November 10 to December 27, 2013, in response to the call for emergency relief efforts for the disaster caused by Super Typhoon Yolanda (Haiyan).

In the midst of one of the worst natural disasters in history, the DOH appreciates your gesture of solidarity in this time of crisis. The DOH is deeply thankful for your steadfast support in providing much needed health care services and aid relief to the sick and injured Filipinos in Yolanda-stricken areas and communities. Together with the World Health Organization, our co-Chair for the Philippine Health Cluster, we greatly value the remarkable cooperation and coordination in the deployment and operation of your medical team.

Once again, please accept our profoundest gratitude and appreciation for your immense help and unwavering support in this time of disaster.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Ona".

**ENRIQUE T. ONA, M.D.**  
Secretary of Health

cc: Office of Asia and Pacific Affairs (ASPAC), Department of Foreign Affairs