



OUTSTANDING SILLIMANIAN AWARD (OSA) SOCIETY

296 Brewery Road, New City, NY 10956

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Dear ,

Four years ago, discussions of OSA participation in the Portal West Building project began among delegates attending the Tipon Silliman convention in Toronto. There was consensus obtained among OSAs in attendance that it was a great idea to “buy a trunk” in the Tree of Life. Two years later, the idea was revived at the Tipon Silliman convention in 2009 held in Orlando. The new initiative was fueled in part by a recent decision made by Silliman and SUACONA to honor a \$100,000 donation by Drs. Enrico and Ester Sobong by naming the trunk of the South Tree of Life after them. It was then suggested that OSA adopt the other trunk. In order to seek the opinion of OSAs, a referendum letter was then sent to OSAs in North America and the Philippines. Of those who responded, a significant majority (73%) endorsed the idea. And so, acting on this mandate, OSAs in attendance at Founders Day 2009 voted to have OSA adopt the North Trunk.

As eloquently observed at one meeting between President Malayang and then Tree of Life Committee chairman Federico Agnir, the two Tree of Life trunks at the lobby of the Portal West Building would make for an excellent metaphor whereby the two trunks - pillars if you will - are held by one generous and successful alumnus and his wife on one hand and the organization that represents the cream of Silliman graduates on the other. Although it is not necessary to peg a target of \$100,000 to match the Sobong donation, we are quite confident that with your generosity, the amount can eventually be reached and probably even surpassed.

Last month, we formed ourselves into a fundraising group, calling ourselves the OSA Trunk Committee. Some of us are OSAs and some are not. We are all committed to the same objective of soliciting contributions toward the OSA Trunk. For this purpose, we are sending you this packet consisting of this cover letter, a facsimile of the proposed OSA Trunk plaque, a donation form with instructions for processing your donation/s and a FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) sheet.

Thank you for your support. Your gifts will go a long way in providing extra funds for Silliman’s student scholarships and academic development projects.

In His Service and for a Greater Silliman,

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