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International and External Affairs Office

Official Visit of The International Institute of Knowledge Management and Memorandum of Agreement Signing

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Headed by Dr. Ferdinand C. Somido, the Executive School Director of the University of Perpetual Help - JONELTA System, the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Signing between the University of Perpetual Help System Laguna (UPHSL), Philippines and The International Institute of Knowledge Management (TIKM), Sri Lanka, was done last Thursday, June 15, 2023 at UPHSL TV Studio - JONELTA Building, a few moments after a 6.3 magnitude earthquake that startled Calatagan, Batangas and its nearby provinces.

The MOA signing activity was spearheaded by International and External Affairs Office, represented by its Director, Dr. Josefa G. Carrillo. Mr. Austin Joseph, Head of International Office and Assistant General Manager cordially welcomed UPHSL to engage with diversified international activities together with TIKM as part of the collaboration and partnership. As a matter of fact, as part of the agreement, senior researchers of the University, Dr. Antonio R. Yango, Dr. Nonet A. Cuy, Dr. Leomar S. Galicia, and Prof. Olivia J. Factoriza are bound to join, on early August of this year in the 5th International Conference on Food, Nutrition, Health and Lifestyle 2023 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, as part of the conference team, being the University as one of the academic partners of TIKM.

Furthermore, the above-mentioned activity was attended by the deans of the different colleges and department heads of the University. Some of the program collaborations discussed were: faculty and student exchange program, research collaboration, and other academic activities that both institutions will agree on. In addition, this academic partnership between TIKM and UPHSL was made possible through the coordination of Dr. Leomar S. Galicia, the Director for Research and Development Center of the University. This International collaboration with The International Institute of Knowledge Management of Sri Lanka and the University of Perpetual Help System Laguna, Philippines is a move of the institution gearing towards the thrust of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) towards internationalization.

