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Note: 3-1-2021
- A project of ARSS-COHD
- Included in the List of
Cancelled projects due to
Termination of Contract
w/ Contractor
- Board approved in 2012
in the amount of P16 Million

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Assistant Chief Operating Officer
Architectural and Engineering Services Section

FROM : The Manager, Corporate Planning Department

SUBJECT : Turtle Islands Wildlife Sanctuary in Tawi-Tawi

DATE : 01 March 2021

Relative to the above subject, may we refer for your appropriate action, the following documents received by this Office thru email:

- Email messages from Mr. Filemon G. Romero, Tawi-Tawi Site Coordinator, DAI Global LLC, Protect Wildlife Project, dated 26 February 2021 and 01 March 2021, requesting meeting appointment with COO Mark T. Lapid, and
- Copy of letter of Gov. Ysmael I. Sali, Al Haj dated 24 February 2021.

Thank you.


FRANCIS RANDY J. HORTELANO

cc : Office of the Chief Operating Officer

FW: LETTER OF TAWI TAWI GOVERNOR RE THE TIEZA PROJECT IN THE TURTLE ISLANDS

From ocoo <occoo@tieza.gov.ph>
To <corplan@tieza.gov.ph>
Date 2021-02-26 10:03

Letter Governor TIEZA TiWS Interest REVISED.pdf (~328 KB)

Good Day !

Sir Francis,

Respectfully forwarding to you the letter attached from Tawi-Tawi Governor Yshmael I. Sali, Al Haj with regard to TIEZA project in the Turtle Island.

Kindly set a meeting with COO Mark Lapid by next week for discussion and updates.

For your appropriate action, please

Thank you

Rex

Sent from my Galaxy

—— Original message ——

From: Filemon Romero <filemon.romero@yahoo.com>
Date: 2/24/21 11:20 PM (GMT+08:00)
To: ocoo@tieza.gov.ph
Subject: LETTER OF TAWI TAWI GOVERNOR RE THE TIEZA PROJECT IN THE TURTLE ISLANDS

DEAR SIR

ASSALAMU ALAIKUM.

IT HAS BEEN ALMOST A YEAR NOW THAT THE TAWI TAWI GOVERNOR AND THE MAYOR OF THE TURTLE ISLANDS CAME TO MANILA DUE TO A CONFIRMED APPPOINTMENY WITH COO PARAGAS ON MARCH 13 TO MEET ON THE ECORTOURISM PROJECT THAT IS FUNDED BY TIEZA. UNFORTUNATELY THAT MEETING WAS CANCELLED DUE TO THE COVID 19 PANDENIC.

NOW WE ARE ONCE AGAIN WRITING YOUR OFFICE UNDER YOUR NEW MANAGEMENT TO ESTABLISH THAT CONNECTION WITH THE NEW COO AND GENERAL MANAGER MARK T. LAPID.

I WOULD LIKE TO SET AN APPOINTMENT WITH YOU TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER.

THANKS AND WASSALAM.

MON ROMERO

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*Per Rex,
mtg has already been
scheduled between ACCO-AECS
and Mr. Romero, Tawi-Tawi
Site Coordinator.*

*FMH
2 March 2021*

Fwd: LETTER OF TAWI TAWI GOVERNOR RE THE TIEZA PROJECT IN THE TURTLE ISLANDS



From OCOO <ocoo@tieza.gov.ph>
To Francis Randy Hortelano <corplan@tieza.gov.ph>
Date 2021-03-01 10:23

Good Day !

Formally endorse the email below from Mr. Filemon Romero.

For your appropriate action, please

Thank you

Rex

----- Forwarded Message -----

Subject: Re: LETTER OF TAWI TAWI GOVERNOR RE THE TIEZA PROJECT IN THE TURTLE ISLANDS

Date: Mon, 1 Mar 2021 02:08:39 +0000 (UTC)

From: Filemon Romero <filemon.romero@yahoo.com>

Reply-To: Filemon Romero <filemon.romero@yahoo.com>

To: ocoo <ocoo@tieza.gov.ph>

Dear Nr,Rex.

I am still n Manila now and I would like to make a visi to your office. Pease advise me what is the action of the Corporate PlaNning Depatment.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO KNOW IF ENGR ARHUR CRUZ IS STILL IN TIRZA OFFICE.

THNS SO MUCH.

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Republic of the Philippines
Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao
Province of Tawi-Tawi



OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR
Bongao, Tawi-Tawi

February 24, 2021

Mr. MARK T. LAPID

Chief Operating Officer

Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA)

6th & 7th Floors, Tower 1

Double Dragon Plaza, Double Dragon Meridian Park

Macapagal Avenue cor EDSA Extension, 1302, Bay Area,

Pasay City

Dear Mr. Lapid:

Greetings of PEACE, ASSALAMU ALAIKUM!

I am writing once again your good office regarding the TIEZA Ecotourism Project for the Turtle Islands Wildlife Sanctuary. Last March 13, 2020, the undersigned Governor Yshmael I Sali, Al Haj and the Mayor of the Turtle Islands, Mohammad Faizal Jamalul, Al Haj, together with Dr. Filemon G. Romero, our consultant on tourism already had a confirmed appointment with your office. The agenda of the supposed meeting is to draw the commitment of the local government to implement the project and how the local government can provide the necessary requirements of TIEZA, like the Environmental Compliance Certificate and the additional components of the projects to operationalize the tourism facility so that it would not become a whit elephant.

Unfortunately because of the COVID 19 Pandemic, you cancelled the meeting on that day because to you have ordered the lock down of the whole building for disinfection. What happened after that was the Enhanced Community Quarantine which restricted our travels.

I understand that the amount of Twenty Four Million Pesos PhP24,000,000.00 allocated by TIEZA is still available for the construction of a hotel, restaurant and cottages for the ecotourism facilities in the Turtle Islands Wildlife Sanctuary

I have asked Dr. Filemon G. Romero, Consultant of the Governor in Ecotourism, to coordinate with your office TIEZA and inform your good office that the Provincial Government is still interested to implement the project under the conditions that your office has set. For the fund to be downloaded to the Provincial Government, one of the requirements of TIEZA is the submission of an Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) to be issued by the DENR9. We have already allocated funds for the preparation of EIS since the Provincial Government would be the implementer of the project by administration as authorized by a Sangguniang Panlalawigan Resolution.

Hoping that this will merit your kind attention.

Thanks, more power and wassalam.

Very respectfully yours,

YSHMAEL I. SALI, AL HAJ

Governor and Chief Executive Officer