



## The Filipino Association in the Isle of Man

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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Horsthuis,

### **Humanitarian Appeal following Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines**

We write to thank you for the generous donation of £2,800.00 given to British Red Cross for the relief of those affected by Typhoon Haiyan in the central Philippines.

We are glad to report that humanitarian help is now starting to get through to most of the areas concerned and that the long road to recovery and normality can now start to proceed.

Our Association and its Members and the rest of the Manx Filipino community have been overwhelmed by the generosity of the Manx and British people to the plight of those families directly and indirectly caught up in this almost unprecedented natural disaster.

On behalf of our entire community we are most grateful for your kind thoughts, monetary help and generosity.

Thanking you once again.

Yours faithfully,

**Maria Leonora R.D. Loudon-Brown**  
President

(On behalf of the FAIM Chairman and Executive Board Members)

N.B. Enclosed is a Statement from Philippine Ambassador to the UK, H.E. Ambassador Enrique Manalo for your information.

*Pasuguan ng Pilipinas**Embassy of the Philippines**London*

**STATEMENT OF  
H.E. ENRIQUE A. MANALO  
Philippine Ambassador to the UK**

The officers and staff of the Embassy of the Philippines to the United Kingdom join me in expressing our deep gratitude to the Government and people of the United Kingdom and the Filipino and diplomatic/international community in the UK for their expressions of solidarity with the Filipino people in the aftermath of Typhoon Yolanda/Haiyan.

The immediate and generous response of Her Majesty's Government to the disaster, particularly its timely provision of assistance, personnel and assets to the affected people and areas, and its commitment to match, pound for pound, the first £5 million donated by the public to British charities, speaks eloquently of the long-standing friendship between our two countries.

We profoundly thank the British public for raising £13 million in just 24 hours in response to Disasters Emergency Committee's Philippines Typhoon Appeal. Moreover, the letters and e-mails from numerous individuals throughout the United Kingdom offering their condolences and prayers are deeply appreciated.

The spontaneous outpouring of support from the Filipino communities all over the UK not only manifests their enduring ties with the Philippines but also their empathy and solidarity with their *kababayans* in the typhoon-affected areas. This truly reflects the munificent spirit of the Filipino.

The Philippine Embassy also thanks the various companies, offices, and organizations in the United Kingdom for their ongoing efforts and plans for helping the communities stricken by Typhoon Yolanda/Haiyan to rebuild and recover.

Once again, thank you for all your support.

14 November 2013, London