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Dear Colleagues, Alumna/Alumnus and Friends,

Greetings! Four years ago, in 2014, the UP Population Institute (UPPI) celebrated its 50th Foundation Anniversary with a year-long array of activities. These included research symposia, academic lectures, sponsorship of a PSA one-stop shop, and a finale in November where alumni, faculty, and current and former employees gathered together for a fun-filled evening of speeches, games, songs, and dances.

A fruit of the UPPI golden anniversary was the institutionalization of the Academic Excellence Award. Initially called Book Award, it is given to the student with the highest General Weighted Average (GWA) in the previous semester, registered for a minimum of nine units and with no incomplete marks. The awardee gets to receive a certificate and a cash price equivalent to \$100. In our 50th anniversary celebrations, we also managed to collect donations for the Fellowship Fund worth ₱100, 000.00 and we sincerely thank our alumni for this!

The Fellowship Fund was established along with the UPPI's inception in November 1964 to help needy but deserving postgraduate students who satisfy admission requirements and have good admission results. Covering tuition, monthly stipend and book allowance, it has been instrumental in helping many of our graduates and become full-fledge demographers and population specialists in various public and private organizations here and abroad. Currently however, the interest coming from the fund is not enough to provide our fellows with sufficient allowances.

We at the UP Population Institute believe that the Fellowship Fund and the Academic Excellence Award are highly relevant in supporting our students in their academic activities. Furthermore, since many of them juggle work with their studies, these awards are an additional boost, keeping them focused and steady in their enrolled courses, semester after semester until they graduate. Finally, the Academic Excellence Award has always been an occasion to look forward for the students to come together and witness an awarding from one of their own ranks.

It is our humble request to request from you, our dear alumni, for your continued support towards the sustainability of these awards. The awards have been funded and sustained with donations from you and we are very grateful for that. For our students to continue enjoying these awards, we need your continued patronage and support.

For your donations please download the following forms from our UPPI website at www.up.edu.ph: (1) Fellowship Fund- <https://www.uppi.upd.edu.ph/sites/default/files/UPPI-Fellowship-Donation-Form.pdf>; (2) Academic Excellence Award- <https://www.uppi.upd.edu.ph/sites/default/files/UPPI-Academic-Excellence-Award-Donation-Form.pdf>. Fill any or both of the forms and follow the instructions on the bottom part.

We look forward to your continued support for our awards. Thank you!

Yours truly,


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