

January 6, 2014

The Honorable Mr. Jose L. Cuisia, Jr.
Philippine Ambassador to the United States
The Embassy of the Philippines
1600 Massachusetts Ave NW
Washington, DC 20036

RE: Super typhoon Yolanda

Dear Honorable Ambassador,

Cranes symbolize hope, health, happiness, and longevity. People need something to hope for and smile about when they believe there isn't much to look forward to in their future. The Crane Project's mission is to bring hope after devastation. The project was inspired by the Japanese myth that if one folded a thousand cranes, his or her wish would be granted by a crane.

We started the Crane Project after the Tsunami hit Japan several years ago. Our friends and family came together to make origami cranes during a two-month period. At the end of this period, neighbors and friends pledged a dollar for each crane made. All the cranes and funds raised were sent to a school in Japan.



After the typhoon hit the Philippines, we started up the project again. The group's wish is that the money raised from the cranes made will be sent to the Philippines to help cover costs and that each crane would be given to children who were affected by the typhoon.

We hope that the children see the cranes as we do: a sign of hope, a sign that things will get better, a sign that people will always care even when it seems like they don't. Last of all, we would like to thank you for giving us this opportunity to represent our cause and send our cranes to the Philippines

From the wishes,

Francis Nguyen and a group of teenagers (The Crane Project)

