

NP Memorandum-Circular No. 6 s. 2014

TO : National Officers, Chapter Presidents and Key JCIP members
FROM : The Office of the National President
DATE : 28 January 2014
SUBJECT: TOFARM

In light of recent information that has been relayed to JCI Philippines on the alleged "TOFARM Launching and MOA Signing" conducted last January 23 in Zamboanga, I wish to inform our General Membership of the following:

1. In its objective to streamline national projects in 2014, the National Board identified 10 priority national projects during their Special Planning Session on October 9, 2013 in Iloilo. TOFARM was identified as one of these national projects. However, during the same session, it was agreed upon by the members to study the previous implementations to aid in the conduct of the 2014 search, and to ensure its compliance with the standards of accountability and transparency.
2. During the Special Execom on November 28, 2013 at Aruma Restaurant Iligan City, it was recommended by the Executive Committee members to meet Mrs. Haw on December 11, 2013. The objective of the meeting is for JCI Philippines and UHI to address any concerns raised by both parties before they engage in a partnership. (Please see attached minutes of the Special Execom Item V.f Report of the NEVP)
3. Due to conflicting schedules, the meeting was moved to December 19, 2013. Since Mrs. Haw was not available, the TOFARM committee represented by Rommel Cunanan and JP Demontano attended the meeting in her behalf. The 2014 Executive Committee members present were NEVP Jeff Armedilla, AVP for Area 1 Brian Lim, AVP for Area 2 Lyn Manansala, AVP for Area 5 Hegem Furigay and National Executive Director Jeanine de Jesus and yours truly.
4. During the December 19 meeting, the executive committee recommended that TOFARM Committee submit a terminal report on or before January 6, 2014. The TOFARM committee agreed on the compliance. It was also agreed that this terminal report will be presented during the 1st NB meeting on January 11, 2014. As soon as the terminal report be accepted and approved by the National Board members, we can proceed with the drafting of the MOA. The executive committee once again requested from the 2013 TOFARM committee members for a meeting with Mrs. Haw.
5. On January 6, 2014, the TOFARM committee submitted the terminal report for 2013. (Please see attached terminal report). The terminal report did not contain the financial report for 2013.
6. On January 7, a letter from "interim national chairman" JB Cabanlet was sent to the office of the National President requesting for a proposal from JCIP for TOFARM 2014 (Please see attached letter)
7. Due to the absence of the financial report, this request was not granted.

8. NEVP Jeff Armedilla, in his report referred the National Board Members on January 11, 2014 to review the terminal report of TOFARM. He also stated that a letter of request will be sent to the TOFARM committee to submit a financial report as a requirement to the terminal report.
9. The office of the NEVP, as one assigned to supervise the implementation JCI Philippines Programs, already sent a letter to concerned individuals on January 14 requesting for the full accounting and financial report of the 2013 TOFARM implementation (please see attached letter of request), which until today has not been received by the National Board.
10. The presence of some of the members of the National Board during the said event does not indicate the approval nor sanctioning of the activity of the national board.

Thus, I wish to inform the General Membership that any activity or implementation of a national project, specifically TOFARM, which has not been sanctioned by the National Board shall be without authority and without effect.

While we recognize the capacity of Areas, Regions or Local Organizations to spearhead projects and conduct initiatives, such capacity must be attuned to the directives of the National Board, in the person of the duly-appointed National Chairperson, in case of implementation of a National or Flagship Project. This is to ensure utmost integrity in the conduct of the project in which the JCI Philippines' name is being carried.

While I am personally saddened at the startling news of this "TOFARM Launching and MOA signing" that has not been relayed to me, in my capacity as National President and head of this organization, I shall hold my personal sentiments at bay in order to advocate a transparent, accountable and effective JCI Philippines which is united, despite challenges of division and misinformation.

In order to align the implementation of this project, I have called for a Special Executive Committee Meeting on January 31. It is expected that after the meeting, all TOFARM efforts will be coursed towards one direction. Rest assured that the General Membership shall be aptly updated by its results.

Let us change the future today!

Thank you very much.

CHRISTINE PONCE-GARCIA
2014 National President

