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Welcome Message from the Chair of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law

On behalf of the Governing Board of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law (IUCN Academy), I would like to extend to you our warmest welcome to the in-country "Training-the-Teachers" Program to be held in Cebu, the Philippines, hosted by the University of Cebu College of Law, from August 22-26, 2016.

As part of an ambitious vision to encourage academic institutions throughout Asia to include the study of environmental law as a core subject, the IUCN Academy began the development of a "Training-the-Teachers" (TTT) course about 10 years ago. With the generous support of the Asian Development Bank, the IUCN Academy was able to conduct two very successful Train-the-Trainers Programs in Manila last year for some 65 scholars from 13 Asian countries. The two Manila courses have paved the way for the ADB and the IUCN Academy to collaborate further on capacity building of law professors and lecturers in the teaching of environmental law within Asia.

This is being pursued through the conduct of in-country Training-the-Teachers (TTT) programs in which the participants from last year's Programs (the "environmental law champions") work alongside international trainers from the IUCN Academy to prepare scholars from their own country to teach environmental law. We are delighted to be conducting the first in-country TTT program in the Philippines in Cebu. This is the third in-country TTT Program, following successful programs earlier this year in Malaysia and Vietnam

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the trainers, both local and international, who have dedicated their time to lead and participate in the Cebu TTT Program. Equally, we would like to thank all the participants for your interest in being trained to teach the subject of environmental law. We hope that this is only the beginning of your contribution to making environmental law an important subject in your universities for your law students, as well as an important area for your future legal research.

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