18 January 2011

Dear Mr. Rosario,

 The UNDP, on behalf of the United Nations System, would like to congratulate your organization, the Trowel Development Foundation, (TDF) Inc., for being chosen as one of the winners of Equator Prize 2010 by the Equator Initiative (EI). As you know, the UN is one of the partners of EI.

 We are happy that out of a total pool of nearly 300 nominations from 66 different countries, among the 25 winners, two came from the Philippines, your organization and the Farmers Association for Rural Upliftment (FARU), Inc. We also note that TDF was chosen, among others, for using climate-adapted aquaculture technology to replant mangroves and applies a value-added supply-chain system to market tie-crabs developed in response to severe income dislocation due to rising sea levels and natural disasters.

 In this connection, we would like to inform you that UNDP will be organizing a fitting occasion to recognize your organization as well as FARU, to be held in the morning of 1 February 2011 during the opening ceremonies of the International Conference on Biodiversity and Climate Change at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC).

 The UNDP will shoulder your transportation and overnight accommodation on 31 January 2011. If you would have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Mr. Michael Jaldon at michael.jaldon@undp.org (tel. 90-10-208), or Ms. Epifania de Jesus at epifania.de.jesus@undp.org (tel. 90-10-260).

 Thank you.

 Yours sincerely,

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