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UP Diliman Information Office 2nd Floor, University Theater, UP Diliman, Quezon City

Dear UP Diliman Information Office,

Greetings of Peace!

The bush fires in Australia, that started in September 2019 and continues to this day, is a tragedy that has impact on all of us. As well, the eruption of Taal Volcano and other calamities around the world have caused untold human suffering.

Australia has been a good friend to the Philippines, supporting development, good governance, capacity building for civil society and women, and peace in Mindanao. Even if we cannot provide material support, let our prayers show we care for them. UPIIS in particular has been receiving Sadaqa for Iftar program during Ramadan organized by Australian Muslim Community in Melbourne.

The UP-Institute of Islamic Studies (UP-IIS), the Philippine Center for Islam and Democracy (PCID) and the UP Center for Women's and Gender Studies would like to invite you to an **ecumenical prayer** to provide spiritual support to our suffering brethren impacted by these natural calamities, wherever they may be. At the very heart of the ecumenical movement is the power of prayer, that we may all be one. Enable us to journey in prayer affirming our solidarity with others, living in these present situations, experiencing the same problems and sharing the gift of reconciliation. The prayers will be held at **UP Carillon Plaza, along Osmeña Avenue, UP Campus, Diliman, Quezon City on Friday, January 24, 2020, from 1:30PM to 2:30PM.**

We look forward to seeing you in the event. For confirmation and further details, please contact UP-IIS secretariat through Ms. Camille Bello or email at camillelucille@gmail.com.

Truly yours,

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