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**OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR**

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FOR : All Deans, Directors/Heads of Units  
Faculty, REPS, Administrative Staff, and Students

SUBJECT : Roadmap to Plastic-Free UP Diliman

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In order to transform UP Diliman into “a model of green and sustainable campus” (AO No. FRN-21-140), the **Office of the Chancellor** and the **UPD Task Force on Environmental Sustainability** (TFES) are launching a community-wide effort towards a plastic-free campus, where single-use plastic is banned from its premises to the extent possible.

As a community of more than 30,000 people, our activities, practices, and lifestyles have significant contributions to plastic pollution. We generate unnecessary plastic wastes from food handling (e.g., plastic cups, utensils, containers), shopping practices (e.g., bubble wrap, plastic bags), and events (e.g., tarpaulin, balloons, giveaways). The harmful effects of plastics on the environment and on people are well-known facts backed by evidence, and so it is only right that we take action to reduce plastic waste generation in our campus.

Given our long-standing reliance on single-use plastics, we recognize the need for a practical and just transition, to be guided by the “Roadmap to Plastic-Free UP Diliman”. This document contains the short, medium, and long-term goals to achieve the vision.

The TFES shall act as the central organizing committee of the plastic-free campus campaign entitled, “Walang Plastic, Fantastic!”. As part of the campaign, they will be organizing consultations and activities with food providers, student organizations, non-academic and academic units, community groups, among others. We enjoin everyone to take part in the transition and will welcome insights, ideas, suggestions, and efforts. Please get in touch with the TFES via [tfes.upd@up.edu.ph](mailto:tfes.upd@up.edu.ph).

Thank you very much.

  
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Attachment: Roadmap to Plastic-Free UP Diliman