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TCA Presents Second \$25,000 Donation to Aid Typhoon Haiyan Relief Efforts

The funds will be distributed by the Filipino Community Center of Hawaii for rebuilding efforts on the ground

March 21, 2014 – Honolulu, HI - The Turkish Coalition of America presented the Filipino Community Center in Waipahu, Hawaii with a \$25,000 donation yesterday to aid the Typhoon Haiyan relief efforts. The donation was matched dollar for dollar by the Consuelo Foundation, a Hawaii-based nonprofit organization.

Special guests at the reception included Congresswoman Colleen Hanabusa (D-Hawaii); Edmund Aczon, Chair of the Board of Directors, Filipino Community Center of Hawaii; Consuelo Foundation President Jon Matsuoka; TCA President G. Lincoln McCurdy; Engin Turkalp, President of the Turkish American Friendship Association of Hawaii, and Hawaii State House Representatives Ty Cullen and Henry Aquino.

“In the aftermath of one of the world's most devastating storms, we hope that the donations to Filipino organizations in Maryland and Hawaii will provide much needed relief to the people of the Philippines while also beginning a long and fruitful relationship between the Turkish American and Filipino American people,” said TCA President G. Lincoln McCurdy.

“I was touched and deeply moved by the Turkish Coalition of America’s contribution to assist in Typhoon Haiyan relief efforts,” said Congresswoman Colleen Hanabusa (D-Hawaii). “As Mr. McCurdy shared in his comments this morning, in today’s world we reach out not only across borders, but across oceans to help those in crisis, compelled to act by our own memory of others who helped us in a time of need. I hope the generosity of the Turkish Coalition will inspire many others to lend a hand wherever challenges arise.”

“We are very grateful to the Turkish Coalition of America for bringing our communities together with their thoughtful donation, which will be used strategically to rebuild Filipino communities stronger than they were before Typhoon Haiyan,” said Jon Matsuoka, president of the Consuelo Foundation.

The donation was the result of a national Turkish American donation drive, which TCA spearheaded and organized in collaboration with Turkish Philanthropy Funds. All of the money raised will go directly to rebuilding efforts on the ground in the Philippines. This is the second of four \$25,000 donations pledged by TCA to Filipino organizations in the U.S.



Congresswoman Colleen Hanabusa (left), is flanked by TCA President G. Lincoln McCurdy (left), and FilCom Center Board Chair Edmund Aczon (right). Jon Matsuoka, President and CEO of Consuelo Foundation is on the far right.