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DIVISION MEMORANDUM  
No. 520 s. 2025

**ENDORSEMENT OF THE DONATION OF MALUNGGAY CUTTINGS  
OR SEEDS FOR THE "A THOUSANDS HILLS PROJECT"**

**TO:** Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
Chief Education Supervisors, SGOD/CID  
Public Schools District Supervisors  
School Heads of Public Elementary and Secondary Schools  
All Others Concerned

1. In reference to the attached letter of Roberto B. Barba Jr. PhD, OIC President of Catanduanes State University, we are pleased to endorse the donation of Malunggay cuttings or seeds to support the "A Thousands Hills Project". This initiative aims to promote the use of malunggay or moringa in building a greener and healthier Catanduanes.
2. In accordance with DepEd Memorandum No. 238, s. 2008, it is also a reiteration of the importance of planting malunggay trees within school premises as a part of the Gulayan sa Paaralan Program (GPP) and School-Based Feeding Program (SBFP).
3. For coordination, questions, or concerns, schools may contact Mr. Anthony B. Aguirre, Division GPP Focal Person, at 0933-855-5437, regarding the collection schedule and logistics.
4. For information and dissemination.

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Schools Division Superintendent  
Department of Education – Catanduanes  
Virac, Catanduanes



Dear Superintendent Ferro:

Warm greetings from Catanduanes State University!

In pursuit of our commitment to environmental stewardship, food security, and sustainable development, CatSU is launching a province-wide initiative titled **A Thousand Hills Project**. This effort will begin across the vast landholdings of CatSU, where we aim to plant thousands of malunggay (Moringa oleifera) trees.

To make this initiative a truly collective undertaking, we respectfully seek the support of the Department of Education in encouraging schools within the Division of Catanduanes to donate malunggay cuttings or seeds, which will be collected by the university. These contributions will help supply the planting needs of the project and signify the participation of our schools in building a greener and healthier Catanduanes.

Malunggay is a resilient and highly beneficial plant that can contribute to long-term food sustainability and community health. With the involvement of our learners and educators, this initiative also becomes a learning opportunity in environmental awareness and civic responsibility.

For coordination, schools may contact Ms. Aileen S. Llandelar, Project Contact, at 0949-113-3072, regarding the collection schedule and logistics.

We are hopeful for your support in this cause and look forward to working hand-in-hand with DepEd to grow this initiative from the classroom to the community.

Sincerely,

**ROBERTO B. BARBA JR., PhD**  
OIC President

