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MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY

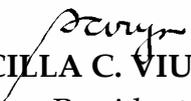
We, at the Tarlac State University are deeply saddened by the tragic hostage-taking that took place on August 23, 2010 here in the Philippines. We express and share with you our deepest sympathy and grief for the death of eight innocent Chinese nationals because of a tragic incident. We sincerely feel your pains and understand the anger that must be felt by those who are deeply hurt by this incident. We condole and share in the grief of the families.

While we vow our heads in sorrow and shame over this unhappy event, we remain steadfast and resolved in maintaining peace and keeping our foreign visitors safe and securely comfortable in our country. Words are not sufficient for us to say how much we are affected by this. We are ashamed for the incompetence and unnecessary moves that led to the deaths of your people. We are sorry this had to happen at all. We are really saddened by these and we could not find reasons why innocent people had to die.

While we believed that the incident was an isolated case, the University condemns the incident as it caused the lives of innocent people and placed the country in a very embarrassing situation. This should have been avoided if professional and personal issues have been properly handled and attended promptly.

Please accept our sincere apologies and condolences. We too are hurting as we feel with you and those who lost their loved ones. We can only hope that they will find it in their hearts to forgive and accept our continuing friendship despite what happened. We will continue to remain cordial and warmhearted people.

From the TSU community and your friends here, we are always one with you in these.


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