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Hacienda Luisita **ADOPT-A-FARM** PROJECT

What you can do:

AN INDIVIDUAL, GROUP, OR INSTITUTION CAN **ADOPT-A FARM** BY MEANS OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. Adopt a work team or several work teams. One may choose to provide support for just one or more members of the work team.

The **Bungkalan Food Support** program provides each member of a work team aid in form of food stuff worth a maximum of Php 500.00 a week for a period 3 months or a total of Php 6,000.00 for each member. This amounts to P30,000.00 for the whole team for a period of 3 months.

2. Collect and donate seeds of palay and vegetables, seedlings of fruit trees, and livestock and other materials to jumpstart food production and particular community projects such as tree-planting, backyard gardens, herbal medicine gardens and animal dispersal.

3. Donate materials and technology for production of organic farm inputs and fertilizers such as pig manure, chicken and cow/carabao dung, sea weeds, etc.

4. Gather experts and mechanics to help repair farm implements, irrigation facilities and provide appropriate skills training workshops to Luisita farmers.

5. Join work teams in their daily bungkalan work. Bond with farmers. Share your talents and experiences and discover scientific, self-reliant ways of farming. Share a day, a week, a month, a year with the farmers.

6. Help in the production of educational materials and publications to complement the farmworkers' political education and technical skills.

7. Create awareness on Hacienda Luisita situation. Organize or join basic masses integration programs, exposure trips, forum and discussion groups. Follow and repost updates from UMA Pilipinas, the Hacienda Luisita Peasant Supporters Network and Luisita Watch on social media.

8. Volunteer your services to the Hacienda Luisita farmers' campaign for genuine land reform and justice.

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FOR MORE THAN 50 YEARS, Hacienda Luisita's gallant farm workers have waged the struggle for genuine land reform and justice in this historic sugar estate controlled by one of the Philippines' most powerful political dynasties – the Cojuangco-Aquino landlord clan.

After the tragic Hacienda Luisita massacre of 2004, Luisita farmworkers refused to give up the fight. During the height of their unprecedented sugar workers' strike, the local farmworkers' alliance AMBALA commenced the groundbreaking land cultivation campaign called BUNGKALAN, which is now considered as the economic and political cornerstone of their struggle. In 2012, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of thousands of farm workers in a landmark decision for land distribution in Hacienda Luisita.

The **ADOPT-A-FARM** project is a complementary endeavor to support the BUNGKALAN campaign in its most basic aim to produce food and sustained livelihood for Hacienda Luisita farmworkers. Through the farmers' initiative to plant rice, fruit trees, vegetables and other food crops, the BUNGKALAN has become a breakthrough campaign which bravely defied the oppressive mono-cash crop production of sugarcane and provided peasants with basic needs even during the dreaded Tiempos Muertos or "Dead Season."

Amid vicious land grabbing – illegal land use conversion and leasehold agreements, bulldozing of crops, eviction of farmers and other aggressive efforts by the Cojuangco-Aquino family to retain control of the sugar estate – AMBALA has renewed its resolve to make the BUNGKALAN an even more dynamic campaign of cooperation among tillers as they continue to wage the struggle for land rights and justice.



The Adopt-a-Farm Project aims to:

1. Enhance cooperation and collective work among tillers through mutual aid – known locally as *suyuan*, *damayan* or *saop-saop*.
2. Generate resources for the production needs of BUNGKALAN collective farm work teams and for community projects such as tree-planting, backyard vegetable and medicinal gardens and animal dispersal. Support may be in the form of material resources such as seeds, seedlings, livestock, tools and equipment.
3. Generate resources and food aid for the **Bungkalan Food Support** program aimed to sustain the farmers and their families' food needs during production season.
4. Tap human resources and experts such as engineers, technicians, agriculturists and organic farming experts who can share their skills and best practices to Luisita farmers.
5. Create awareness on the situation of Luisita farmworkers and the struggle for genuine land reform and human rights waged by peasants and agricultural workers in the Philippines.

YES! (please check the appropriate box)

I / we pledge to adopt a work team or teams through the food for work program. Please specify number of teams and amount: Example: one (1) work team for three (3) months amounts to Php 30,000

_____ (number) of teams for _____ months amounting to Php or USD \$ _____

I / we pledge to make a cash donation for farm production costs, publications, education materials and other bungkalan expenses:

Please specify amount Php or USD \$ _____

I / we pledge to support the bungkalan project by lending facilities or sharing materials or resources in kind.

Please specify equipment or goods and quantify: Example: Seedings of varied fruit trees- 100 pcs; Use of tractor (Rotovator) Once a week

I / we pledge to support the bungkalan project by volunteering my / our services. Please specify the service you will render. Example: Mechanical Engineer – Equipment Repair- on call;

