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CANADA GRANTS \$3.15 MILLION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY

FOR A HEALTH PROJECT IN THE PHILIPPINES

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today ratified a \$3.15 million contribution agreement with Norman E. Wagner, PhD, President of the University of Calgary for the implementation of a health sector institutional support project in the Philippines.

With funds from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), the University of Calgary will assist the Institute of Primary Health Care (IPHC), in the city of Davao, the Philippines. One component of the project is to improve research and evaluation capabilities, and the other is to train project officers in the health sector.

The University of Calgary will also assist IPHC to establish small income-generating projects, in areas such as hog-raising, weaving, and food and handicraft production. The income will then be re-invested in the health sector for the Davao region, which is populated by 600,000 inhabitants. With this project, the people of the area will benefit from among other things, the installation of more wells in their villages, medical dispensaries, latrines, and improved sewage systems.

To ensure self-sustaining, health-related programs, the two partner institutions will train volunteers to improve their capacity to initiate and manage social development projects in their own communities.

The University of Calgary, through its International Centre and the Divisions of International Development, International Business and International Relations, is especially active in partnerships with institutions worldwide.

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Since 1903, CIDA has granted over \$14 million to the University of Calgary for the implementation of its development projects. CIDA has also disbursed since 1985 some \$32.5 million to its Philippines bilateral program.