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*“I envision for better world in equality, justice and peace by ensuring basic human rights to live a dignified quality of life in harmony with the environment.” – James Yen*

My interest in the humanitarian service developed in a deep sense of responsibility, dedication expressed in advocacy along with principles in building a character of integrity and competence.

I obtained a Bachelors of Science Degree in Nutrition and Dietetics and a professional license as Dietitian of Philippine Professional Regulations Commission and the Commission on Dietetic Registration for the American Academy of Nutrition and Dietetic. I also obtained my Masters Degree in Public Health at Silliman University. The unstinted commitment and untireless efforts of various health programs displayed strong leadership experiences in youth organizations of Red Cross and United Nations. Since then my interest in public health over the years highlighted my professional career in prioritizing health programs for growth and economic development. Growing up in the Philippines, I uphold the right to freedom and privileges in the promotion of basic human rights, justice and wellbeing of our people.

Starting from a humble beginnings, I started to work and volunteered in various international organizations as Community Organizer for Health of ACCESS Health International, Regional Technical Assistant of the World Health Organization; Local Area Manager for Chemonics International under Private Sector Mobilization for Family Health Project to ensure access quality Maternal Newborn Child Health and Nutrition services; as Program Associate Food and Nutrition Security of International Institute of Rural Reconstruction a grant project to improve food security and livelihoods of smallholder farmers and the promotion of school nutrition programs; I worked as Disaster Risk Reduction Officer for Catholic Relief Services a project to strengthen capacity of vulnerable communities and households during disasters and emergencies utilizing the Sphere Standards in asserting basic human right to life. And, as Wellness Specialist of Transconnection Asia in the promotion of health and nutrition, prevention of diet/lifestyle related chronic diseases.

My work passion in various international organizations I render my expertise in humanitarian affairs and diplomacy. I gained knowledge and experience to provide effective humanitarian programs in building partnerships, governance, education and research. The integrated approach in the projects implemented operates to adhere in the organizational procedures of United Nation Agencies and its efforts to attain the Millennium Developmental Goals (MDGs) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The ultimate measure in the attainment of global food security and optimum health must be grounded on solid moral convictions and commitments. The unwavering ethical practice, bonds among people and communities synergized by a network of health professionals, policy makers and enthusiast that will stand for the principle of high competence, untarnished character and unflinching faith for humanity.