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United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction Secretariat
Administrator of the UN Sasakawa Award for Disaster Reduction
Palais des Nations, 8-14 Avenue de la Paix,
CH-1211 Geneva 10

Dear Sir/Madam:

EMI is pleased to support Makati City’s nomination to the UN Sasakawa Award for Disaster Reduction introduced by CityNet.

As one of the partners of the City in its initiatives in DRRM, EMI recognizes Makati City’s commitment and effort to disaster risk reduction (DRR). Makati’s investments in DRR have significantly increased both institutional and community awareness and engagement in DRR and promoted it as one of the most disaster-resilient cities in the Philippines. The City has not only invested in state-of-the-art infrastructure for disaster preparedness, it has also given attention to other initiatives to mitigate risks, one of which is the Makati Risk-Sensitive Urban Redevelopment Planning in Barangay Rizal.

We are hoping that you positively consider Makati City’s nomination.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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