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Attached is the email from Asst. Prof. Maru B. Percela, MA, Director, Student Affairs and International Mobility, Guang Ming College, inviting potential scholars who are interested not just in Buddhism but in the role of religions in helping people in general and for their Bachelor of Performing Arts degree programs.

Interested applicants can send their inquiry through:

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20 March 2023

DR. FELICIANO C. BUENAFE, JR. Schools Division Superintendent Department of Education Aklan Aklan

Dear Dr. Buenafe,

We would like to ask for your help with recruiting scholars from Aklan for Guang Ming College, for our Buddhist Studies and Performing Arts degree programs.

All over the world, there is growing recognition that there is much to learn from Buddhism, without necessarily converting one's religious affiliation. Buddhism has a 2500-year history and has offered many important insights and skills for life, including:

- 1. Mindfulness and meditation (now used even in corporations to help people overcome stress and to improve creativity).
- 2. Vegetarianism (originally an ethical practice of kindness to all living creatures but now known to have many health benefits),
- Handling mental issues like depression and anxiety through what is called today cognitive psychology but which Buddhist psychology has taught for centuries.

We are therefore interested in recruiting students who are interested not just in Buddhism but in the role of religions in general in helping people. Potential scholars should also be patient and compassionate, with an openness to new ideas, and who are willing to pick up skills around active listening and counselling.

This is a very exciting new field in the Philippines and so our Aklan scholars will be considered pioneers. Also with our Bachelor of Performing Arts degree programs, we offer scholarships so students do not need to pay any tuition, with support during the academic months for board and lodging. Our students also have the opportunity of exposure to extramural courses, both here and in Taiwan and, for those who excel in their undergraduate years, support for further study.

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