

WHEREAS, the SU Dao tree, the MBG Dao tree and the two (2) bitaog trees near the CFNR are of such class of trees which the law specifically requires the cutter thereof to possess the proper permit from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) before such trees may be fallen;

WHEREAS, it has been alleged that the MBG Dao tree and the two (2) bitaog trees have been cut down without the proper DENR permit, in violation of law;


WHEREAS, in its endeavors to cut down the aforementioned trees, the UPLB allegedly entered into a service contract with a local wood cutter without undergoing through the proper bidding process prescribed by law;

WHEREAS, aside from the extra-ordinary process undertaken by the UPLB administration in constituting the Service Contract for the cutting of wood, the said contract they entered into is gravely disadvantageous to the government which, pursuant to law, is void;

WHEREAS, the aforementioned Dao and bitaog trees, notwithstanding its immeasurable environmental worth, has a total net worth in the millions of pesos;

WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, directing the Committee of Public Officers and Investigations, the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, and the Committee on Education to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, into the alleged indiscriminate cutting and smuggling of trees, violation of the law on public bidding, greatly disadvantageous contracts entered into, and other unscrupulous acts allegedly perpetuated by the administration of the University of the Philippine's Los Baños (UPLB) with the end in view of enacting measures to maintain the honor and integrity of the administration and strengthen the University's environmental protection policies.

Adopted,


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