

## **Update the Rules and Procedures of Dr. Kintanar Award**

*(Submitted by TCS)*

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### **ACTION REQUIRED:**

The Committee is invited:

- a) To take note of the information for the update on the Rules and Procedures for Dr. Kintanar Award
- b) To approve the update on the Rules and Procedures for Dr. Kintanar Award

### **APPENDIXES:**

- 1) DRAFT TEXT FOR INCLUSION AT SESSION REPORT
- 2) Update on the Rules and Procedures for Dr. Kintanar Award

**APPENDIX A:**  
**DRAFT TEXT FOR INCLUSION IN THE SESSION REPORT**

**10 - Update the Rules and Procedures of Dr. Kintanar Award (agenda item 10)**

- 1 The Committee took note of the information provided by TCS concerning the need to update the Rules and Procedures for the Dr Kintanar Award.
- 2 The Committee approved the updated Rules and Procedures for the Dr Kintanar Award and agreed, subject to confirmation of the availability of funds, to provide additional financial support to the Dr Kintanar Award Fund from the Typhoon Committee Trust Fund (TCTF), in order to ensure the continued implementation of the Award over the next four years.

*(Additional text to be added in the light of discussion on this item)*

## **APPENDIX B: UPDATE ON THE RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR DR. ROMAN L. KINTANAR AWARD FOR TYPHOON-RELATED DISASTER MITIGATION**

### **Background and Purpose**

The Dr Roman L. Kintanar Award for Typhoon-Related Disaster Mitigation was established by the Typhoon Committee in 2006 to recognise outstanding contributions by TC Members in reducing the impacts of tropical cyclones in the region. Since its inception, the Dr. Kintanar Award has served as an important mechanism for promoting excellence and enhancing the visibility of operational, scientific, and institutional achievements in meteorology, hydrology, and disaster risk reduction. The Rules and Procedures of the Dr. Kintanar Award were updated at the 47th Session of the Committee, held in Bangkok, Thailand in 2015, to further strengthen clarity, transparency, and the effectiveness of its administration.

Since its establishment, 23 institutions across 12 Members have been honoured, with some years recognising multiple institutions. This reflects the wide-ranging expertise within the Region and the increasing number of agencies making significant contributions to disaster risk reduction.

Currently, however, only one institution is selected each year, unless there is a tied result. The Award is often granted to the host institution of the annual Typhoon Committee Session. While this practice acknowledges the valuable contribution of host Members, the existing arrangement limits broader recognition and does not fully capture the diverse and significant achievements across the Committee's Members.

### **Proposed Enhancement**

To address this limitation and to more accurately reflect the Region's advancing priorities and progress in disaster risk reduction, it is proposed that the Typhoon Committee expand the quota of annual recipients of the Dr Roman L. Kintanar Award from one to a maximum of two. This enhancement would further motivate excellence, and strengthen the Committee's commitment to regional cooperation and shared resilience.

### **Financial Implication**

A plaque will be presented to the awardee and the production cost of the plaque is around **USD 60**, which is supported by the Dr. Kintanar Award Fund

The Dr Kintanar Award Fund currently has a remaining balance of **USD 591.47** as of **end 2025**. Assume one plaque (~USD 60) will be produced for Kintanar Award 2025 and two plaques (~USD 120) will be produced annually from 2026 onwards, the fund will still be sufficient to support the Award in the next four years, i.e. until Dr. Kintanar Award 2029 to be presented in 62nd Session in early 2030.

To ensure the continued operation of the Dr Kintanar Award, additional resources will be required to cover the recurring costs of the plaque and related administrative needs before the fund is exhausted. In this regard, TCS, in consultation with AWG, is requested to submit a proposal to the Typhoon Committee to support the long-term operation of Dr Kintanar Award, e.g. inject additional funding to the Dr Kintanar Award Fund from the Typhoon Committee Trust Fund (TCTF).

## **ANNEX I**

(Proposed Rules and Procedures with changes in **Paragraph 6(b)**)

### **RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR**

#### **“DR. ROMAN L. KINTANAR AWARD FOR TYPHOON-RELATED DISASTER MITIGATION”**

(Proposed to be approved at TC 58<sup>th</sup> Session – Jeju, Republic of Korea, 10-13 March 2026)

##### **Background**

Dr. Roman L. Kintanar, former Director of Atmospheric Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) for a period of 36 years and President of WMO for two terms (1979-1987), has dedicated his life to the improvement of the quality of life in the Asian countries through his contribution to science.

He was awarded with the World Meteorological Organization’s International Meteorological Organization Prize in 1995 for his outstanding contribution to the promotion of international cooperation in meteorology and related fields. He was also coordinator of the ESCAP/WMO Typhoon Committee (1980-2006) and author of works focusing various aspects, namely climate change and disaster preparedness.

The Typhoon Committee, acknowledging that Dr. Roman L. Kintanar has been during the last decades a reference for those who struggle against the consequences of the typhoon-related disasters, decided to create the “Dr. Roman L. Kintanar Award for Typhoon-Related Disaster Mitigation”. This decision was taken at its 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Session, held in Manila, Philippines, in December 2006, not only to homage Dr. Kintanar but also to motivate institutions of the Typhoon Committee Members to dedicate more efforts to achieving the Typhoon Committee mission and vision.

##### **The award**

The award consists of a plaque in which statements are written mentioning the relevant contribution of the awarded winner(s) for the achievement of the TC mission and vision.

##### **Eligibility**

Institutions of the TC Members that have significantly contributed for the achievement of the mission and vision of the Typhoon Committee are eligible to be nominated.

##### **Nominations**

Any Member of the Typhoon Committee in coordination with its Working Groups representatives of each component (meteorology, hydrology and disaster risk reduction) is eligible to nominate not more than 1 nominee. Proposals must be substantiated by a statement explaining the reasons for the application and necessary supporting documents. The Typhoon Committee Secretariat will compile all the nominations and supporting documents.

##### **Deadline for the presentation of nominations**

Applications must be submitted to the Typhoon Committee Secretariat at least two months before the corresponding Typhoon Committee Annual Session.

##### **Selection**

Kintanar Award Selection Working Group (KASWG). At least three months before the corresponding Typhoon Committee Annual Session, the TCS will request each Typhoon Committee

Member to appoint one representative to the Kintanar Award Selection Working Group (KASWG). No later than two months before the corresponding Typhoon Committee Annual Session, each Member will submit the name, position, and email address of their representative for the KASWG to the TCS. If a Member doesn't submit the information for their representative by the required deadline, it will be assumed that this Member doesn't chose to name a representative for the KASWG for that year.

After receipt of all of the nominee(s) by the required deadline, the Typhoon Committee Secretariat will submit the name(s) of the nominee(s) to the KASWG. Each member of the KASWG will thoroughly review each nomination, and by no later than one month before the corresponding Typhoon Committee Annual Session, will **select not more than two nominees** for the award and forward the votes to TCS. Based upon the voting received, by no later than one month before the corresponding Typhoon Committee Annual Session, the TCS will count the votes, and the **one or two nominees** with the greatest number of votes will be named the selectees for the award. If there is a tied result (e.g. more than two nominees have an equal greatest number of votes), KASWG shall reconvene to deliberate and conduct an additional round of voting.

#### **Award delivery**

The award will be delivered to a representative of the awarded institution in the Award Delivery Ceremony which will take place at the Opening Ceremony of the TC Annual Session. The travel expenses of the representative of the awarded institution will be borne by the respective institution.

#### **Entry in force**

The current rules shall enter in force after the approval by the Typhoon Committee at its 58<sup>th</sup> annual Session.

**Proposal to host the Typhoon Committee Secretariat in 2027-2030  
by Macao, China**

Since the Typhoon Committee Secretariat started to be hosted in Macao, China in 2007, the Government of Macao, China has always been working closely with the Secretariat to ensure that the Secretariat performs its roles effectively. Building on nineteen years of successful collaboration, Macao, China wishes to contribute to the mission of the Typhoon Committee by continuing to host and support the Secretariat. Macao, China thereby offers to host the Secretariat for the next four-year period in 2027-2030.

Considering that the current office of the Secretariat has been in use since 2007, and that the operational needs of the Secretariat have since expanded over the years, the Government plans to provide the Secretariat with a new office this year at a newly chosen location with greater area and more facilities, and the Government also plans to cover the costs related to the move of the Secretariat to the new office.

In addition, to ensure that the Secretariat will be provided with adequate resources to perform its functions, the Government will place at the disposal of the Secretariat yearly its Contribution as an Endowment Fund, which helps cover the cost of items indicated in the Annex 1 and the daily operations of the Secretariat. The Endowment Fund Contribution in 2025 by the Government was, for reference, approximately USD450,000, and the Government plans to further increase the yearly amount of Contribution for the period of 2027-2030. Note that Endowment Fund is not the sole source of monetary contributions of the Government; some Secretariat expenses, including salaries and benefits of the professional staff, will be paid directly by the Government and not through the Endowment Fund.

In summary, Macao, China is fully committed to hosting and supporting the Secretariat for the next four-year period. For details of the facilities and support that will be provided by Macao, China, please refer to the annotated list of criteria in Annex 2, adapted from the criteria used in 2005.

**Annex 1**

**Items covered under the Endowment Fund**

1- Personnel

- Secretary
- Support staff

2- Equipment

- Furniture
- IT Equipment
- Office Equipment
- Office Supplies

3- Office Operations

- Office Security & Safety Costs
- Office Cleaning
- Office Repairs and Maintenance
- Communications (Telephone, Fax, Postage, Internet/E-mail Costs, Dissemination Costs)
- Utilities & Miscellaneous

4- Publications

- Information and Resource Materials (not to include publications on specific projects)

5- Others

- Insurance