

Frequently Asked Questions OSA Trunk on the Tree of Life Project

1. What is the purpose of this drive?

To obtain contributions toward the OSA Trunk of the Tree of Life.

2. What is the OSA Trunk?

It was inspired by a contribution by Drs. Enrico and Esther Sobong of \$100,000 toward the Tree of Life. Silliman and the Tree of Life Committee decided to honor that gift with a plaque on the trunk of the South Tree of Life. It was decided to designate the trunk of the other (North) trunk as the OSA Trunk after obtaining favorable response to a survey conducted for the purpose of obtaining consent from OSA Society members.

3. How much are we trying to raise?

There is no set amount for a goal, although it is hoped that the combined resources of all OSAs and their supporters can eventually match if not surpass the \$100,000 that was donated toward the South Trunk.

4. Who can contribute toward the OSA Trunk?

All OSAs as well as their, family, friends and other supporters.

5. How do we contribute?

Log on to www.suacona.com and click the OSA Trunk item in the ribbon menu on the left. Click the OSA TRUNK DONOR FORM, download the file and follow the instructions for processing your donation.

6. Will contributions to this drive be tax-deductible?

All contributions toward this drive will be acknowledged and such acknowledgment can be used as support for tax deductions, in accordance with the taxation laws of the donor's country. For residents of the United States, the acknowledgement sent by the United Board is guaranteed to be tax-deductible, as covered by the original Portal West Building project initiated by the United Board and approved by the IRS. Residents of Canada will need to make their own arrangements regarding tax deduction. Contributions by Philippine residents will be acknowledged by Silliman University. Such acknowledgment can be used to support tax deduction.

7. Is there a deadline on this drive?

Yes and No. The initial phase of the drive was initiated by a special committee called the OSA Trunk Committee. Its purpose was to jumpstart the process of putting money into the OSA Trunk. The committee ran that phase of the drive from October 2011 to August 31, 2012. After that, the management and monitoring of the OSA Trunk drive was transferred to Silliman University to decide, along with the United Board, whether or not to continue the drive and for how long. This drive is being revived with the agreement and support of Silliman University and the United Board. It will go till December 31, 2017.

8. What do I do now?

If you want to make a contribution, fill out the form completely. Enclose form and check and mail to the United Board. If you are a resident of Canada, please pay with a credit card.

9. What about non-OSAs who wish to contribute toward the OSA Trunk?

Make a copy of the form for each family member, friend and supporter and ask them to fill it out according to the instructions. Be sure to ask them to indicate in whose honor or memory is the gift.

If you have any other questions other than the above, please contact Rev. Dr. Federico I. Agnir, Project Coordinator. Email him at agnired1939@gmail.com or call him up at 813-991-1924.