



Project Title: Construction of Two-storey Building with State-of-the-Art Equipment for Instruction, Research and Extension of the Department of Agronomy - Main Campus

Rationale/Justification:

The Department of Agronomy has been offering the Bachelor of Science in Agriculture major in Agronomy, Master of Science in Agronomy, and Master of Agricultural Development major in Agronomy for the past 35 years. Another program to be offered soon is the Ph.D. in Agronomy which is waiting for CHED Certificate of Program Compliance (COPC).

The BSA program aims to educate students in the scientific habit of thought and entrepreneurial skills and prepare them to become globally competitive professionals with entry level-competencies in technical agriculture (CHED CMO 23 s of 2021). This program requires practicum for the Certificate of Agricultural Science of actual skill development to satisfy the required competencies and quality for TESDA certification (NCIII level). Likewise, our students will conduct independent research (thesis) in their field of specialization.

For graduate programs, enhanced competencies are required to meet the requirements set by globalization, regional integration, internationalization of higher education, and the Fourth Industrial Revolution. Our students must optimally use the 21st century skills in their daily work and professions to strengthen the nation's innovation, research, and development, our students must be able to The offering of advanced degree program (MS and MAgDev) as well as Ph.D. in Agronomy has been viewed as one way of upgrading the graduate education of VSU for world class education.

The above-mentioned programs include practical components and are reinforced by the state-of-the-art research and or best professional practice. Upgrading of facilities, farm tools and equipment, and building to house the newly acquired state-of-the-art-equipment, lecture and laboratory rooms is deemed necessary to replace the old equipment and dilapidated shed house of the Department of Agronomy, and finally to be globally competitive.

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