



March 4, 2024

DR. DANIEL LESLIE S. TAN
OIC President
Visayas State University

Dear Dr. Tan:

Greetings!

The Visayas State University (VSU) and Nagoya University (NU), Japan, executed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in September 2022. The MOU aims to strengthen collaboration and interaction and promote mutual understanding between VSU and NU in teaching, research, and extension activities. On the other hand, Engr. Jimmy O. Pogosa, a faculty member at ITEEM is a recipient of this MOU. He is currently on official study leave for his Ph.D. at NU to pursue his Doctor of Agricultural Science under NU's Transnational Doctoral Programs for Leading Professionals in Asian Countries.

On December 1, 2023, VSU and NU entered into a Collaborative Research Agreement (CRA) in accordance with the MOU. The CRA focuses to conduct the Ph.D. study of Engr. Pogosa on "Ecological Studies on *Aquilaria* Trees for Conservation and Management in Leyte, Philippines," which is in line with the "Ecological Assessment and Conservation of Philippine *Aquilaria* for Sustainable Agarwood Production on Leyte Island, Philippines, **ECoSAP**" project funded under the VSU Internationalization Program.

In this connection, I would like to ask an endorsement letter from your office. The endorsement letter is one of the requirements for the application of gratuitous permit (GP) in the Department of Environment and Natural Resources Biodiversity Management Bureau (DENR-BMB) Regional Office in Tacloban City, Leyte. Thank you very much for your continued support for the conservation and sustainable utilization of *Aquilaria* in Abuyog.

Very truly yours,


JIMMY O. POGOSA

Instructor and Ph.D. student