

GRANT AGREEMENT
INTERNATIONAL CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION (ICPE)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

This Grant Agreement ("Agreement") is made and entered into this day, 27 October 2023, in Quezon City, Philippines by and among:

The COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, a government regulatory agency established under R.A. 7722, with principal office address at the Higher Education Development Center (HEDC), C.P. Garcia Ave., UP Campus, Diliman, Quezon City, represented herein by, **J. PROSPERO E. DE VERA III, DPA**, in his capacity as Chairperson, hereinafter referred to as the "**CHED**";

The **VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY** is a higher education institution with principal office at Baybay City Leyte 6521, represented herein by, **EDGARDO E. TULIN**, in his/her capacity as **PRESIDENT**, hereinafter referred to as the "Sending Higher Education Institution" or "**SHEI**";

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LUZ G. ASIO of legal age, Filipino, and residing at GITZ HOUSE 2 VSU COMPOUND BAYBAY LEYTE, hereinafter referred to as the "**GRANTEE**".

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WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) No. 7722 provides that it is the responsibility of the State to (1) protect, foster and promote the right of all citizens to affordable quality education at all levels, and (2) take appropriate steps to ensure that education shall be accessible to all. Republic Act (RA) No. 7722 further mandates **CHED** to (1) formulate and recommend development plans, policies, priorities and programs on higher education and research, and (2) identify, support and develop potential centers of excellence in program areas needed for the development of world-class scholarship, nation building and national development;

WHEREAS, pursuant to this mandate, **CHED** seeks to upgrade the academic qualifications of higher education faculty during the period of transition to the K to 12 system.

WHEREAS, **CHED** approved CHED Memorandum Order No. 03, s. 2016 entitled "Guidelines on Graduate Education Scholarships for Faculty and Staff Development in the K to 12 Transition Period." which sets forth the procedures, priorities, and regulation of scholarships awarded to grantees beginning in the K to 12 Transition Period;

WHEREAS, **CHED** approved the "Guidelines for International Continuing Professional Education (ICPE) Grants as an Additional Component of CMO No. 25, series of 2016" amending CMO No. 25, s. 2016 through Commission en Banc (CEB) Resolution No. 784 - 2020, which aims to support lifelong learning by providing short-term trainings to higher education faculty and staff, provided by local and international institutions/organizations.

WHEREAS, under the CMO approved through CEB Resolution No. 890 - 2020, the Commission en Banc approved the partnership between the **CHED** and the **Southeast Asian Regional Center For Graduate Study And Research In Agriculture (SEARCA)**, hereinafter referred to as the "**Delivering Institution**," to establish the Leveling-Up Higher Education Institutions in Agriculture, Fisheries, and