

## MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

### KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

This agreement made and entered into by and between:

The **LIVING PARADISE ORGANIC FARM (LP)**, a people's organization duly registered at the Department of Trade and Industry, through certificate of registration number 04849224 dated July 21, 2017, with principal address at Brgy. Benabaye, Merida, Leyte represented herein by its Farm Administrator/Operator, **LAILA D. PETTERSSON** and hereinafter referred to as "**FIRST PARTY**".

-and-

The **VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY (VSU)**, an institution of higher learning established under Pres. Decree No. 470 as amended by Pres. Decree No. 700, and converted into state university by virtue of R.A. 9158 and 9437, with principal office at Visca, Baybay City, Leyte, Philippines, duly represented by the University President, **DR. EDGARDO E. TULIN**, herein referred to as **SECOND PARTY**;

-WITNESSETH-

**WHEREAS**, the **SECOND PARTY** through the **ECOFARMI** is actively conducting research, development and extension activities on organic or natural farming in support to the Republic Act 10068 otherwise known as the "*Development and Promotion of Organic Agriculture in the Philippines*";

**WHEREAS**, the **SECOND PARTY** is willing to collaborate with community-based organizations that is willing to implement a community-based organic farming in relation to its research, development and extension (RDE) activity;

**WHEREAS**, the **FIRST PARTY** provides the integral human development of the people who are poor and marginalized, in order to alleviate their cause through trainings, education and formation programs;

**WHEREAS**, the **FIRST PARTY** advocates organic farming as one of the methods to provide livelihood opportunities for its farmer-members and to improve the quality of their lives through efficient and effective management of farm resources;

**WHEREAS**, the **PARTIES** hereto, are willing to establish linkages with each other and agree to cooperate in the conduct of trainings on organic farming as well as follow up activities in the

**NOW, THEREFORE**, for and in consideration of the following premises, the parties hereto agree to the following terms and conditions:

### **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. The **FIRST PARTY** through **LP ORGANIC FARM** shall:

- (i) Organize the farmers who are willing to test and adopt organic farming;
- (ii) Provide venue and other facilities needed to conduct the trainings on organic farming and other related activities;
- (iii) Supervise the implementation of organic farming in their locality;
- (iv) Provides logistical and financial support for the implementation of various trainings on organic farming and other activities; and,
- (v) Allow the **SECOND PARTY** through Eco-FARMI to conduct a forum for discussion and feedback mechanism with farmers to discuss problems encountered in the field and assess progress of the project.

2. The **SECOND PARTY** shall:

- (i) Provide technical expertise to the **FIRST PARTY** on organic farming through trainings and actual hands-on activities in the field;
- (ii) Share to the **FIRST PARTY** any available information necessary to promote organic farming; and
- (iii) Share information to the **FIRST PARTY** on developments on organic farming found through research conducted at VSU and other organizations.

### **SPECIAL PROVISIONS**

- (i) The parties hereto may, upon mutual consent, amend or modify this Agreement in writing at any time, by or through addendum signed by both parties.
- (ii) This Agreement shall take effect on the date of signing hereto by the parties and shall be effective for two (2) year subject to renewal as the parties agree.
- (iii) The parties agree to monitor and adhere to the strict observance of COVID – 19 Safety Protocols as may be stipulated in issuances released by Visayas State University, executive orders from Baybay City Local Government Unit, and of the Inter- Agency Task Force (IATF) in the barangay/municipality during the conduct of trainings and other related activities.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties have affixed their signature here on this \_\_\_\_ day of

**VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY**

**LP ORGANIC FARM**

**EDGARDO E. TULIN**

President

  
**LAILA D. PETTERSSON**

Farm Administrator/Operator

WITNESS:

  
**DHENBER C. LUSANTA**

OIC Director, Eco-FARMI

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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

CITY OF BAYBAY

Province of Leyte

Before me, a Notary Public for and in above jurisdiction, personally appeared the following:

Name

I.D Number

**EDGARDO E. TULIN**

**V.S.U ID No. V000522**

**LAILA D. PETTERSSON**

**PRC ID No. 1048200**

Known to me to be the same persons who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that the same is their free and voluntary acts and deeds as to the agencies they represent.

This instrument, consisting of three (3) pages, including this page on which this acknowledgement is written, duly signed by the parties and their instrumental witnesses on each and every page hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, the day, year, and place above written.

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