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**Dr. Marilyn M. Belarmino**  
Dean, Graduate School  
VSU, Visca, City of Baybay, Leyte

Dear **Dr. Belarmino**,

This is to inform your good office that Mr. Rintaro Sato, a Japanese incoming MS Development Sociology student, visited ISRDS this morning. We advised him to shift to the MS Land Administration and Management (MSLAM) degree program, as the MS Development Sociology program does not have a COPC yet. This is to comply with the university president's instruction in July 2024 that VSU will not accept incoming students to degree programs without a COPC.

While the VSU Graduate School has the authority to deal with Mr. Sato on this matter being the office that granted him admission to VSU, he met us first and we found it necessary to brief him on the change in his degree program brought about by COPC-related concerns.

We further assisted Mr. Sato in identifying the following MSLAM courses to be enrolled on the first semester of SY 2024-2025:

- 1) LAMP 229 – Technologies for Geodata Collection, Analysis, and Interpretation
- 2) LAMP 234 – Urban and Rural Land Use Planning
- 3) LAMP 298 – Research Methods

We shall provide academic support and essential student services to Mr. Sato especially during his period of adjustment to the Filipino culture.

Thank you for the support. Warm regards.

Very truly yours,

  
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Director, ISRDS



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