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University President

VSU, Baybay City, Leyte

**Through: Dr. Rotacio S. Gravoso**

Vice President for Academic Affairs

Visayas State University

Dear **President Yepes**,

We would like to request your endorsement of our application for inclusion of our PhD Agronomy program in the Accelerated Science and Technology Human Resource Development Program (ASTHRDP) graduate scholarship by the Department of Science and Technology-Science Education Institute (DOST-SEI).

As per information from DOST-SEI, any new graduate program offered by a member university of the National Science Consortium, of which VSU has been a member since 2010, has to pass through an evaluation process conducted by the Technical Panel of the DOST-SEI before that said program will be included in the ASTHRDP scholarship. The evaluation focuses on faculty strength, laboratory and library facilities, research projects conducted, scientific publications of the faculty, and curriculum.

We strongly believe that our PhD Agronomy program, which we started offering last SY 2023-24, will qualify for inclusion in the ASTHRDP scholarship. It has been granted a Certificate of Program Compliance (COPC) by CHED on September 11, 2023 (Certificate No. 057, series 2023).

We foresee a great increase in our PhD enrollment once we have the ASTHRDP scholarship for our students. Thus, we are looking forward to your strong endorsement and support.

Thank you so much and more power to you Madam President.

Very truly yours,

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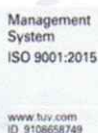
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# (ASTHRDP) List of Requirements for Request for Inclusion of Degree Program

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