



VISAYAS
STATE UNIVERSITY

LEGAL
OFFICE

February 14, 2024

Mr. JEROME O. ARRIBADO
Director, Eco-Farmi
Visayas State University

LEGAL OPINION/COMMENT

Dear Mr. Arribado,

The office received a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) among Visayas State University, Local Government Unit of Carigara and Municipal Agriculture office of Carigara regarding organic farming through training and actual hands-on activities in the production of Natural Farming Inputs particularly the vermicast, indigenous micro-organism 6 and concoctions.

After a careful review of the said document, this office finds nothing legally objectionable therein considering that the same is in order, not contrary to law, morals or public policy and public order.

Thank you very much.


ATTY. RYSAN C. GUINOCOR
OIC-Chief Legal Officer

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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

This Memorandum of Agreement made and entered into by and between:

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 ~~VSU~~-University President, ~~DR. DANIEL LESLIE S. TAN.~~

DR. PROSE NY G. YEPES

The **LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT of CARIGARA** with office address at **BARANGAY PONONG, CARIGARA, LEYTE**, represented by its Municipal Mayor, **HON. EDUARDO T. ONG, JR.**; herein referred to as the Municipal Mayor of **LGU-CARIGARA, LEYTE**.

-and-

The **MUNICIPAL AGRICULTURE OFFICE OF CARIGARA** with office address at the **CARIGARA, LEYTE**, represented by Municipal Agriculture Officer, **JOSEFINA J. JOSOL**.

-WITNESSETH-

WHEREAS, the DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE is the principal government agency mandated to develop the agriculture and fisheries sectors in the country through the provision of adequate and appropriate support services;

WHEREAS, the Visayas State University, as the implementing agency with its Mission for the attainment of the highest quality of human capital and scientific knowledge for the sustained growth and development of agriculture, fisheries, forestry and agro-industry in the Visayas, is mandated to, among others, improve the productivity, profitability, equity and well-being of the Visayan farmers and their household members through ecologically sound natural resources management and to advocate effective policy formulation and management of rural development programs;

WHEREAS, the Department of Ecological Farm Resources and Management Institute (Eco-FARMI) aims to conduct research, development and extension activities on organic or natural farming system in support to the Republic Act 10068 otherwise known as the "Development and Promotion of Organic Agriculture in the Philippines" and looking for a community that is willing to implement a community-based organic farming in relation to its research, development & extension (RDE) activity;

WHEREAS, the training duration is from February 23, 2024 to March 15, 2024 after the training, the application of the learnings and/or technology by participants/beneficiaries will be monitored 3 years after signing this MOA;

WHEREAS, the Visayas State University recognizes its basic role in the delivery of direct extension services to farmer in Carigara, Leyte and acknowledges its responsibility in ensuring the success of said research, development and extension project;

WHEREAS, the MUNICIPAL AGRICULTURE of Carigara, Leyte is concerned of the well-being of its constituents by supporting efforts towards adaptation of Organic farming technologies for the upliftment of their farming activities;

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the following premises and mutual covenants, the parties hereto agreed as they hereby agreed to:

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 1. Responsibilities of the Visayas State University through the Ecological Farm Resources and Management Institute (Eco-FARMI):

The **Eco-FARMI** shall:

- 1.1 Provide technical expertise on organic farming through trainings and actual hands-on activities in the production of Natural Farming Inputs particularly the vermicast, indigenous micro-organism 6 and concoctions;
- 1.2 Share the available information necessary to promote organic farming to the farmers and;
- 1.3 Share materials and labor in the preparation of needed materials prior and after the training.

Section 2. Responsibilities of Municipality of Carigara through the MAO:

The **MAO-Carigara** shall:

- 2.1 Identify and Organize the farmers who are the participants of the training and willing to test and adopt organic farming;
- 2.2 Provide venue, facilities and some needed materials to conduct the trainings on organic farming and other related activities;
- 2.3 Supervise the implementation of organic farming in their Municipality; and
- 2.4 Allow the **VSU** through **ECOFARMI** to conduct a forum for discussion and feedback mechanism with training beneficiaries and/or farmers to discuss encountered problem in the field and assess progress of the organic farming adoption.



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 three (3) year subject to renewal as the parties agree.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have affixed their signature here on this ____ day of _____ 2024 at _____, Philippines.

LGU-CARIGARA, LEYTE

By:


HON. EDUARDO T. ONG, JR.
Municipal Mayor

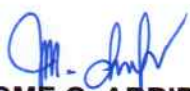
VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY Baybay City, Leyte

By:

~~DANIEL LESLIE S. TAN~~
~~OIC-President~~

PROSE NY G. YEPES 
PRESIDENT

Signed in the presence of:


JEROME O. ARRIBADO
Director, Eco-FARMI


ENGR. JOSEFINA J. JOSOL
Municipal Agriculturist Officer

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

PROSE NY G. YEPES *[Signature]*

~~DANIEL LESLIE S. TAN~~

EDUARDO T. ONG, JR.

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 four (4) 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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