



**TRAVEL REPORT**  
(OP MC. No.04, s. 2014)

**TITLE: JOHN DILLON FELLOWSHIP**

**I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The John Dillon Fellowship is a prestigious award given to agricultural research scientists in ACIAR partner countries who have displayed outstanding leadership potential. Fellowships are awarded after a highly competitive selection process. To date the program has included leadership and management training and collaborative research projects. The University of New England (UNE) operates the John Dillon Fellowship on behalf of ACIAR. One component of the Fellowship is the opportunity to attend a study tour to Australia, including visits to research institutions and agricultural centres in regional Australia and Canberra. Fellows also take part in a five-day leadership workshop to consolidate the learning from their program. These events, inclusive of travel, run from the 12th to the 25th February, 2023.

**II. DATE, PLACE AND PURPOSE OF THE TRAVEL**

Date: February 12-25, 2023

Venue: Brisbane and ACIAR Canberra, Australia

Purpose: To attend the John Dillon Fellowship managed by the University of New England

**III. KEY OUTCOMES**

I learned various project management techniques based from the presentations of the lecturers, actual visit to CSIRO Research Facility in Bribie Island and interactions from the participants who are also experienced project leaders.

**IV. ABSTRACT OF THE PAPER PRESENTED (for Paper Presenter)**

Not Applicable

**V. ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**



<b>Sunday Feb. 12</b>	Arrive in Brisbane Transfer to Accommodation at Hyatt Regency
<b>Monday Feb. 13</b>	Official Welcome Introductions and Expectations Recapping on Learning from the Zoom Sessions Reflection and Reflexivity: Charting Key Impacts Interactive Team Challenge <b>Welcome Dinner</b>
<b>Tuesday Feb. 14</b>	A Review of JDF Philippines Research Projects Overview of Strategic Leadership Skills for Developing Institutional Agricultural Research Strategies
<b>Wednesday Feb. 15</b>	Strategic Leadership (continued) Building a Strategic Mindset Developing Strategic Plans
<b>Thursday Feb. 16</b>	Strategic Leadership (continued) Presentation of Strategic Plans Introducing Effective Presentation Skills
<b>Friday Feb. 17</b>	Preparing for Final Project Presentation Visual Communications for Agricultural Research
<b>Saturday Feb. 18</b>	Free Time. Relax / Recuperate / Sight Seeing
<b>Sunday Feb. 19</b>	Free Time. Relax / Recuperate / Sight Seeing

<b>Monday Feb. 20</b>	Field Trip One: Commonwealth Scientific Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) - Aquaculture Research Facility at Bribie Island
<b>Tuesday Feb. 21</b>	Field Trip Two: University of Queensland Gatton Agricultural Campus & Surrounding Farms
<b>Wednesday Feb. 22</b>	Travel to Canberra Sight Seeing (Optional) Accommodation at Mercure Hotel Canberra
<b>Thursday Feb. 23</b>	Reception at ACIAR House Meet with Research Project Managers Presentation of Research Project Results
<b>Friday Feb. 24</b>	Sightseeing & Partner Meetings in Canberra
<b>Saturday Feb. 25</b>	Program Concludes Departure Canberra for Home

## VI. FUNDING AGENCY FOR TRAVEL SUPPORT – Local and Foreign

VSU- provided salary while abroad

ACIAR-provided transportation, accommodation and food allowances

## VII. SUMMARY OF TRAVEL EXPENSES



Particulars	Local Funds		Foreign Funds	
	Name of Agency	Amount	Name of Agency	Amount AUD\$
Travel	NA		ACIAR	3,380.23
Registration Fee	NA		ACIAR	No info
Accommodation	NA		ACIAR	No info
Others	Salary			

#### VIII. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO SPONSOR

I would like to thank VSU and ACIAR for giving me the opportunity to join the said fellowship and find research linkages for the benefit of the university.

Attachment: Photocopy of Certificate of Participation/Attendance/Appreciation, and Photographs, if available

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Photos



Photo 1. JDF visited the UQ Gatton Campus to learn more about scientific facilities and research



Photo 2. JDF visited CSIRO marine research facility at Bribie Island, Brisbane

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This is to certify that

**Arturo Esclamado Pasa**

has successfully completed the  
John Dillon Fellowship leadership and  
management program online and in Australia.

23 February 2023  
Canberra, Australia

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