MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

This memorandum of Agreement, entered into by:

The **DIKO'S INTEGRATED FARM**, a people's organization duly registered at the DA-ATI Accredited Learning Site for Agriculture with Certification Number:LSA-2022-12-225, with principal address at Brgy. Butason-1, Tabango, Leyte represented herein by its Farm Administrator/Operator, **MARK T. DUROTAN** and hereinafter referred to as "**FIRST PARTY**".

And

the VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY, an institution of higher learning established under Presidential Decree No. 470 as amended by Presidential Decree No. 700 and converted into a state university by virtue of Republic Act No. 9158 and renamed as Visayas State University by virtue of Republic Act No. 9437, with principal office at Baybay City, Leyte, duly represented by its President PROSE IVY G. YEPES, herein referred to as SECOND PARTY.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the SECOND PARTY through the ECO-FARM AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE (Eco-FARMI) 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 and individual farmer that is interested 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 such as Sloping Agriculture Land Technology (SALT), Production of Indigenous Micro-organism 6 (IMO6) and Concoctions, and Vermicomposting as well as monitoring of activities in the farmer's field in order to fully accomplish and realize each individual organization's objectives in improving the quality of life.

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