

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)**, is 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 R.A. 9437, with principal office at Visca, Baybay City, Leyte, Philippines, duly represented by the University President, **DR. EDGARDO E. TULIN**;

The **LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF MERIDA** with office address at **Barangay Poblacion, Merida, Leyte**, represented by its Municipal Mayor, **HON. ENGR. ROLANDO M. VILLASENCIO** herein referred to as the **Municipal Mayor of LGU-MERIDA, LEYTE**;

-and-

The **TUBOD LAMANOC FARMERS ASSOCIATION** of Sitio Tubod, Barangay Lamanoc, Merida, Leyte, is an organization duly registered with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) under Registration No. **DOLE-WLFO-2021-06-WA-1766** on June 21, 2021 at DOLE Regional Office No. VIII, Tacloban City, represented by its Farmers Association President, **MR. ARTURO J. ALCALA.**, of legal age, Filipino, with present address at Sitio Betaug II, Barangay Lamanoc, Merida, Leyte.

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 and Resource Management Institute (Eco-FARMI) aims to conduct 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*" 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 duration of the training is from April 6, 2022 – May 5, 2022;

WHEREAS, the **VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY** recognizes its basic role in the delivery of direct extension services to farmer associations in Barangay Lamanoc, Merida, Leyte and acknowledges its responsibility in ensuring the success of said research, development and extension project;

