

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

### KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is made and executed this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023, in Quezon City, Metro, Manila, by and between:

**EL OBSERVATORIO DE MANILA**, a non-stock, non-profit research institution serving the science apostolate of the Society of Jesus in the Philippines, with principal address at Ateneo de Manila University Campus, Katipunan Avenue, Loyola Heights, Quezon City, Metro Manila, represented by its Director, **FR. JOSE RAMON T. VILLARIN SJ, PHD** and hereafter referred to as "**MO**";

-and-

The **VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY**, an institution of higher learning established under the Presidential Decree No. 470 as amended by Presidential Decree No. 700 and converted into a state university by virtue of Republic Act 9158 and 9437, with principal office at Visca Baybay City, Leyte Philippines, duly represented by the University President, **DR. EDGARDO E. TULIN**, and hereinafter referred to as the "**VSU**".

(each a "Party", collectively the Parties")

### WITNESSETH:

**WHEREAS**, MO is a Jesuit scientific institution which has, since its establishment in 1865, continued to pursue its objective of developing a scientific culture for sustainable development of the Philippines through research excellence in environmental science, solar physics and pre-disaster science that shall be enhanced by continuing scientific research and the formation of future scientists and researchers;

**WHEREAS**, MO current research foci cover the areas, among others, of 1) Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation, 2) Integrated Risk Analysis for Disaster Risk Reduction, 3) Geomatics for Environment and Development, 4) Instrumentation and Technology Development, 5) Regional Climate Systems, 6) Solid Earth Dynamics, 7) Urban Air Quality, and 8) Special Research Projects;

**WHEREAS**, VSU, as a government institution of higher learning, seeks to preserve, to extend and to communicate truth and to apply it to the development of society and the preservation of the environment;

**WHEREAS**, VSU, as a Filipino university and a center for excellence in science education, seeks to contribute to the development goals of the Philippine nation through the formation of responsible scientists and technologists, imparting a high degree of competence in science and technology;

**WHEREAS**, MO and VSU, strive to forge scientific, technical and administrative