



**12 September 2022**

**ATTY. RYSAN C. GUINOCOR**

Chief Legal Officer  
Office of the Chief Legal Officer  
Visayas State University

Dear **Atty. Guinocor**,

Greetings and I hope you are doing well today!

With respect to Super Typhoon Yolanda, the region experienced yet another disaster due to Super Typhoon Odette that incurred massive damages in agriculture, infrastructure, etc. In response to this the Department of Meteorology (DMet) initiated the renovation and upgrade of the VSU-PAGASA Agrometeorology Station located within the Visayas State University (VSU) through an official letter sent to the Central Office of the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical, and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA). This will provide the region with valuable meteorological information which will be beneficial in the decision-making process of different Local Government Units as well as research and development opportunities of other Institutions such as VSU. With the keen interest of PAGASA, they visited last 04 April 2022, to manifest the commitment of PAGASA in converting the said facility from an Agromet to a Synoptic Station operating 24 hours to provide better services. Our meeting together with the University President resulted to the renegotiation of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between VSU and PAGASA.

PAGASA submitted its proposed MOA with their provisions and was discussed with DMet and the University President. The comments and recommendations of the said meeting was incorporated with the said document and are now in this VSU-PAGASA Synoptic Station Memorandum of Agreement draft.

In line with this, we are hereby requesting your office to review the terms stipulated on the drafted VSU-PAGASA Synoptic Station Memorandum of Agreement to be undertaken between VSU (through DMet) and DOST – PAGASA. The approval of which will enable VSU and PAGASA to collaborate in providing quality climate and weather services to the community as well as research and development opportunities for different institutions.

May this request merit your kind consideration and positive response. Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

**RAYMOND JESS G. GOLIAT**

Chairman,  
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Noted by:

  
**CHARLIE S. ANDAN**  
Head, DMet