



May 29, 2025

Mr. JEROME O. ARRIBADO

Head, Eco-Farmi

Visayas State University

LEGAL OPINION/COMMENT

Re: *Memorandum of Agreement for the collaboration in advancing research, extension, and capacity-building efforts in sustainable agriculture.*

Dear **Mr. Arribado:**

Good day!

This office received a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Visayas State University and Northwest Samar State University regarding collaboration in advancing research, extension, and capacity-building efforts in suitable agriculture.

After careful review of the said document, this office finds nothing legally objectionable therein considering that the same is in order, not contrary to law, morals or public policy and public order.

This legal Opinion is based solely on the submitted documents and should not be construed as a binding rule for VSU or any court in other cases with similar or dissimilar circumstances. This office trusts that the foregoing provides the necessary guidance.

Thank you very much.


ATTY. KAREN ABEGAIL S. MONTERON

Director, Legal Affairs and Services



April 2, 2025

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Head, Eco-FARMI

Visayas State University

DPO OPINION/COMMENT:

Dear Mr. Arribado:

The office received a Memorandum of Agreement between Northwest Samar State University and Visayas State University regarding collaboration in advancing research, extension, and capacity-building efforts in sustainable agriculture.

After carefully reviewing the document, this office finds nothing that might violate the Data Privacy Act of 2012.

Thank you and God bless.


Atty. RYSAN C. GUINOCOR

Head, Data Privacy and FOI Services

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

This Memorandum of Agreement hereinafter referred to as THE AGREEMENT, is made and entered in by and between:

The **Northwest Samar State University**", a state university, created by virtue of Republic Act No. 9719 renaming Tiburcio Tancinco Memorial Institute of Science and Technology into Northwest Samar State University Integrated therewith Samar State College of Agriculture and Forestry located in San Jorge, Samar, with official address at Calbayog City, Samar, represented by its President, **DR. BENJAMIN L. PECAYO**, hereinafter referred to as "NwSSU"

-and-

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 its principal office located in Baybay City, Leyte, duly represented herein by its President, **DR. PROSE IVY G. YEPES**, hereinafter referred to as "VSU."

Collectively referred to as the "PARTIES"

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, NwSSU-San Jorge Campus Samar Integrated Organic Agriculture Research and Development Center (SIOARDC) is committed to promoting sustainable agriculture and organic farming practices, including vermicomposting and the use of natural farming inputs such as Indigenous Microorganisms (IMOs) and organic concoctions.

WHEREAS, VSU-Eco-FARMI is an established leader in vermicomposting and organic input production, offering expertise, resources, and training in sustainable waste management and organic farming.

The Parties recognize the mutual benefits of collaboration in advancing research, extension, and capacity-building efforts in sustainable agriculture.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

I. OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this MOA is to formalize collaboration between **NwSSU-SJC SIOARDC** and **VSU-Eco-FARMI** in the following areas:

1.1 Expansion of Vermicomposting Facilities – Strengthening and expanding the existing vermicomposting area at NwSSU-San Jorge Campus for student thesis projects, faculty research, and vermicompost supply.