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October 1, 2025

**Dr. Prose Ivy G. Yepes**  
President  
Visayas State University  
Visca, Baybay City, Leyte

**Thru: Dr. Santiago T. Peña, Jr.**  
VP for REI

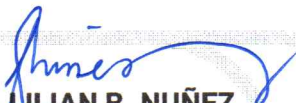
**Dear Dr. Yepes:**

This is to recommend the appointment of **Prof. Maria Aurora Teresita W. Tabada** as Study Leader of the research project entitled "**Colonial Urban Planning: The Retreat and Return Cycle of Coastal Slums Dwellers in the Philippines**" with project code **GAA.ISRDS.0723-0624.02** without honorarium effective October 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025 chargeable to **VSU GAA 2025**.

As Study Leader, Prof. Tabada is expected to perform the following responsibilities with appropriate workload unit equivalent:

1. Plan activities as indicated in the approved proposal;
2. Implement project activities as planned;
3. Submit quarterly progress reports to OVPREI;
4. Present a paper in regional/national R&D Symposia/fora/conferences;
5. Publish articles of significant research findings in indexed/peer-reviewed journals;
6. Submit terminal report three (3) months after project termination.

Very truly yours,

  
**LILIAN B. NUÑEZ**  
Director

Conforme:

  
**MARIA AURORA TERESITA W. TABADA**  
Asso. Prof. IV

Certified funds available:

**ALICIA M. FLORES**  
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VP for Resarch, Extension and Innovation

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