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Engr. Joey A. Belarmino

Center Director

Agricultural Training Center - Central Luzon

Government Center, San Ramon, Dinalupihan, Bataan

Dear Engr. Belarmino:

Greetings!

The Visayas State University in collaboration with the Australian Center for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) and Agricultural Training Institute-Regional Training Center VIII (ATI-RTC 8) is currently leading the project entitled "Developing Vegetable Value Chains to meet evolving Market Expectations in the Philippines" or shortly known as ACIAR-GAP Project. The project aims to improve the capacity of selected vegetable supply chains in the Philippines to deliver vegetables that better meet consumer expectations in terms of quality, food safety, nutritional value, and price. We envision to shift the current farming practices of the growers to GAP-oriented farming practices which enables them to provide safe, healthy and affordable vegetable products in the market.

The Training Component Team of the ACIAR-GAP Project, led by Agricultural Training Institute- RTC 8 with Ms. Concepcion B. Miro, Component Leader, is planning to conduct a Learning Journey on February 5-12, 2023 to PhilGAP Certified Farms in Central Luzon and CAR. Our aim is to learn more about these farms to help us improve the PhilGAP-certified Farms in Eastern Visayas.

With this, we would like to ask assistance from your office on the following:

1. Identification of GAP-certified farms, preferably six vegetable and species (onion and garlic) farms to be interviewed;
2. Vehicle to ferry the team composed of 4 staff (Feb. 6-8, 2023);
3. Accommodation for 4 days (February 5-8, 2023) (Three Female and One Male);
4. Someone from your office who can assist and accompany us in our visit.

We hope you could accommodate our request.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

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Project Leader, ACIAR GAP Project

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