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DR. EDGARDO E. TULIN

President

VSU, Visca, City of Baybay, Leyte

Thru: **DR. DANIEL LESLIE S. TAN**

VP for Administration and Finance

Dear **Dr. Tulin**,

This pertains to our request for the rewiring of the ISRDS building after we reported two fire-related incidents in July 2016 and March 2019. Our request for rewiring was approved in March 2019 (Attachment A).

Upon your instruction to Engr. Mario Valenzona, then GSD director, to attend to the concern promptly, the PESMU team, then headed by Engr. Apolonio M. Encierto, conducted an assessment of the electrical status of the ISRDS building and listed several materials to be purchased (Attachment B). PESMU itself attended to the procurement of the materials and delivered majority of these to ISRDS a year after, i.e., February 14, 2020.

However, some materials are not available based on regular followups made by ISRDS on PESMU. Thus, rewiring has not been done until now.

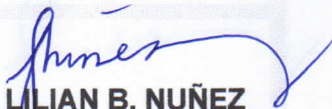
Last Friday, a near-fire incident happened again in one of our staff rooms. The smell of burning wires accompanied with the sound of sparks was evident. We commend the PESMU team, Engr. Clint Sarvida and Mr. Eric Latras, for quickly responding to our call. The team found that the outer layers of the wires were damaged by termites and rodents which reduced the insulation capacity of the wires. This condition will eventually lead to a short circuit and fire.

Engr. Sarvida recommends that the rewiring of the entire ISRDS building be pursued. However, prerequisite to rewiring is the replacement of pest-infested wooden walls and frames. Engr. Sarvida stressed that it will be unwise to rewire the building when its wooden parts are in poor condition.

In view of this urgent concern, I would like to request for the replacement of worn out wooden parts of the building to be followed with rewiring as recommended by Engr. Sarvida.

Thank you so much for your favorable response to this request.

Very truly yours,


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