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Dear Sir,

The Tree Management Committee cited the following reasons or the principles applied or followed in trimming the trees on the campus and, in particular, in the Eco-park.

The university has planned to manage the trees where specific types or species of trees are appropriately planted in a particular location on the campus to prevent damage to infrastructure (buildings, roads, electrical and communications systems) and prevent unnecessary injury or casualty to VSU constituents. With this plan, the Eco-park and other places are going to follow the university tree management plan as indicated:

1. Removal or trimming of the tree branches (especially the dead and rotten branches) that may pose hazards to property and life of VSU constituents is relatively important. It has been noticed that some dead and rotten branches suddenly fell to the ground brought by strong winds;
2. Prevent the occurrence of diseases as a result of a denser canopy cover that might serve as their habitat;
3. Remove defective, infested, and slow-growing tree stems in the area that is prone to windthrow, uprooting; and damage if ever there's a typhoon and other forms of natural calamities;
4. Control height growth and promote the formation of side branching;
5. Improve the tree canopy structure and architecture to provide the necessary shed and provide an aesthetic view of the area as needed;
6. Improve or replace defective trees with dipterocarp and other indigenous tree species but with controlled height growth;
7. Establish additional plantation of trees (exotic and indigenous) to cater and satisfy the lumber needs of the university; and
8. Provide protection of artificially and naturally growing trees in the university.

In particular, the trees in the eco-park were not cut, except for those trees that were damaged by disease and suppressed that needs to be cut to prevent any accident caused by the fallen trees (*please refer to the attached inventory report*). It is the plan of the university to preserve the eco-park with properly managed trees where trees can provide the needed shed for all people going to the eco-park; keep the trees standing when typhoon comes; maintain the beauty of the eco-park in complementation with its surroundings primarily as it is in the mall area going to the Administration Building.

Hoping that these explanations will be of help to you.