



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

PHILIPPINE CARABAO CENTER

AND

VSU ECO-FARM AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE

This **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING** is entered into by **PHILIPPINE CARABAO CENTER (PCC)-VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY**, an attached agency of the Department of Agriculture, represented by **MR. FRANCISCO G. GABUNADA, JR.**, Center Director, duly authorized to represent PCC with an office at **Visayas State University, Visca, Baybay City, Leyte**, hereinafter referred to as the "**PCC**";

and

VSU ECO-FARM AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE (Eco-FARMI) represented by **Dr. PROSE IVY G. YEPES**, University President of Visayas State President through **MR. JEROME O. ARRIBADO**, Director of Eco-FARMI, with principal office address at **Visca Baybay City, Leyte**, hereinafter referred to as "**Eco-FARMI**",

ARTICLE 1: PURPOSE

The **Philippine Carabao Center (PCC)** and **Visayas State University Eco-Farm and Resource Management Institute (VSU Eco-FARMI)** plan to work together on a collaboration focused on the production of vermicast. This initiative aims to combine the expertise of VSU Eco-FARMI and the resources of PCC to improve vermicast production processes, increase output, and promote sustainable agricultural practices.

ARTICLE 2: AREAS OF COOPERATION

PCC and **VSU Eco-FARMI** shall collaborate on the following activities in the production of vermicast, for the mutual benefit of both Parties, subject to any applicable laws, rules, and regulations set by the relevant authorities and within the respective budgetary and other resources available to the Parties:

- (1) PCC shall provide buffalo manure to serve as substrate for vermicast production;
- (2) PCC shall receive 30% of the total vermicast harvest from VSU Eco-FARMI's vermicast production;
- (3) PCC shall take and sell the 30% share, and provide the bags for the vermicast;
- (4) PCC shall provide the vehicles for transport of buffalo manure;
- (5) VSU Eco-FARMI shall receive buffalo manure as a substrate to produce vermicast;
- (6) VSU Eco-FARMI shall provide the manpower for collecting the manure substrate; and
- (7) VSU Eco-FARMI shall receive and sell the 70% share of the total vermicast production
- (8) VSU Eco-FARMI shall supervise the maintenance and upkeep of the vermiworms, and sell them in the event of excess population.

ARTICLE 3: ARRANGEMENTS AND FUNDING

To execute the collaborative activities envisaged herein, PCC and VSU Eco-FARMI representatives shall convene periodically to negotiate and finalize cooperation agreements. Before implementation, both parties shall mutually agree in writing on all project details.

Each party shall bear its own expenses in executing this agreement, unless otherwise mutually determined.

ARTICLE 4: MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

PCC and VSU Eco-FARMI shall each designate representatives to oversee the joint vermicast production. These representatives shall assemble as deemed necessary to evaluate the implementation progress of agreed arrangements, identify new areas of cooperation within the scope of vermicast production, and address matters pertinent to this MOU. Such meetings shall facilitate the effective management of the collaborative effort, ensuring alignment of objectives and prompt resolution of any issues arising from the partnership.

ARTICLE 6: AMENDMENTS

This MOU, pertaining to the collaborative Vermicast Production initiative, may only be amended by mutual agreement evidenced in writing by duly authorized representatives from each of PCC and VSU Eco-FARMI.

ARTICLE 7: TERMS OF AGREEMENT

This MOU shall commence on October 1, 2024, and end on December 31, 2025, and may be renewed upon its expiry and with the agreement of both parties.

Either PCC or VSU Eco-FARMI may cancel the MOU by giving six (6) months' notice in writing to the other party. The termination of this MOU shall not affect the implementation of the projects or programs established under it before such termination.

ARTICLE 8: LEGAL STATUS

The Parties agree that any dispute, claim, or controversy concerning interpretation and application of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be amicably settled by mutual discussion.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto set their hands this _____ day of _____ at _____, Philippines.



PHILIPPINE CARABAO CENTER

FRANCISCO G. GABUNADA, JR.
PCC-VSU Director


**VSU ECO-FARM AND RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE**

PROSE IVY G. YEPES
VSU President

WITNESSES:

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Science Research Assistant,
Eco-FARMI

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
MUNICIPALITY OF _____)

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public for and in the Municipality _____ this
_____ day of _____, personally appeared _____

NAME	ID No.	Place/Date Issued
FRANCISCO G. GABUNADA, JR.	_____	_____
PROSE IVY G. YEPES	_____	_____

All known to me to be the same persons who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that the same is their free and voluntary act and deed, as well as the voluntary act of the institutions/agencies they represent.

This instrument consisting of three (3) pages, including the page on which this Acknowledgement is written, duly signed by the parties and their witnesses on each and every page thereof,

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL, on the date and the place first above written.

Notary Public

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