

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

This Memorandum of Agreement made and entered into by and between:

The **VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY (VSU)**, is an institution of higher learning established under Pres. Decree No. 470 as amended by Pres. Decree No. 700 and converted into state university by virtue of R.A. 9158 and R.A. 9437, with principal office address at Visca, Baybay City, Leyte, Philippines, duly represented by the University President, **DR. EDGARDO E. TULIN**.

The **LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT of MERIDA** with office address at **BARANGAY POBLACION, MERIDA, LEYTE**, represented by its Municipal Mayor, **HON. ENGR. ROLANDO M. VILLASENCIO**; herein referred to as the Municipal Mayor of **LGU-MERIDA, LEYTE**.

-and-

The **CALUNASAN FARMERS ASSOCIATION** with office address at **BARANGAY CALUNASAN, MERIDA, LEYTE**, is a farmer association duly registered to Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) represented by its Farmers Association president, **MR. ALFREDO A. ANONAT**, of legal age, Filipino, with present address at Sitio Capasanan, Barangay Calunasan, Merida, Leyte.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE** is the principal government agency mandated to develop the agriculture and fisheries sectors in the country through the provision of adequate and appropriate support services;

WHEREAS, the **VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY**, as the implementing agency with its Mission for the attainment of the highest quality of human capital and scientific knowledge for the sustained growth and development of agriculture, fisheries, forestry and agro-industry in the Visayas is mandated to, among others, improve the productivity, profitability, equity and well-being of the Visayan farmers and their household members through ecologically sound natural resources management, and to advocate effective policy formulation and management of rural development programs;

WHEREAS, the **DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGICAL FARM AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE (Eco-FARMI)** aims to conduct research, development and extension activities on organic or natural farming in support to the Republic Act 10068 otherwise known as the "*Development and Promotion of Organic Agriculture in the Philippines*" and looking for a community that is willing to implement a community-based organic farming in relation to its research, development & extension (RDE) activity;

WHEREAS, the duration of the training is from May 19, 2022 to June 17, 2022;

WHEREAS, the **VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY** recognizes its basic role in the delivery of direct extension services to farmer associations in Barangay Calunasan, Merida, Leyte and acknowledge its responsibility in ensuring the success of said research, development and

WHEREAS, the **LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF MERIDA, LEYTE** is concerned of the well-being of its constituents by supporting the efforts towards adaptation of Organic farming technologies for the upliftment of their farming activities;

WHEREAS, the **CALUNASAN FARMERS ASSOCIATION** is interested to adopt organic farming technologies to increase the farmer beneficiaries' income and their farming activities;

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the following premises and mutual covenants, the parties hereto agreed as they hereby agreed to:

ARTICLE I DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 1. Responsibilities of the Visayas State University:

The **VSU** shall:

- 1.1 Provide technical expertise on organic farming through trainings and actual hands-on activities on bio-fertilizer and natural farming concoctions;
- 1.2 Share to farmer association the available information necessary to promote organic farming and;
- 1.3 Share materials and labor in the preparation of materials needed before and after the training as stated in Annex 4.2
- 1.4 Shall perform site monitoring and evaluation within 3 years after the training.

Section 2. Responsibilities of LGU-Merida, Leyte:

The **LGU-MERIDA, LEYTE** shall:

- 2.1 Designate **MUNICIPAL AGRICULTURE OFFICE** of LGU-MERIDA, LEYTE to organize farmers who are willing to test and adopt organic farming;
- 2.2 Provide venue, facilities and some needed materials to conduct the trainings on organic farming and other related activities;
- 2.3 Supervise the implementation of organic farming in their locality; and
- 2.4 Allow the **VSU** through **ECO-FARMI** to conduct a forum for discussion and feedback mechanism with farmers to discuss problems encountered in the field and assess progress of the project.

Section 3. Responsibilities of the Farmers Association:

The **Farmers Association** shall:

- 3.1 Organize the households/members who are willing to test and adopt organic farming;
- 3.2 Adopt and implement the technology on Bio-Fertilizer Production and Natural Farming Concoctions.

**ARTICLE II
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

Section 1. This Agreement and all rights and obligations hereunder, shall not be assigned by either of the parties hereto to another party unless otherwise permitted in the provision of this Agreement or with the prior written consent thereto by the other parties.

Section 2. This Agreement constitute the entire agreement between the parties relating to the subject matter hereof and there are no understanding, representations or warranties of any kind except those expressly set forth herein.

Section 3. The parties agree to monitor and adhere to the strict observance of COVID – 19 Safety Protocols as may be stipulated in issuances released by Visayas State University, executive orders from Baybay City Local Government Unit, and of the Inter- Agency Task Force (IATF) in the barangay/municipality during the conduct of trainings and other related activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our signatures this ____ day of ____ at Baybay City, Leyte, Philippines.

LGU-MERIDA, LEYTE

By:

ENGR. ROLANDO M. VILLASENCIO
Municipal Mayor

CALUNASAN FARMERS ASSOCIATION

By:

ALFREDO A. ANONAT
President

VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY
Baybay City, Leyte

By:

EDGARDO E. TULIN, Ph.D.
President

Signed in the presence of:

DHENBER C. LUSANTA

FRANCIS V. ABARRE

