



21 June 2022

**EDGARDO E. TULIN, PhD**

President

Visayas State University

Visca, Baybay City, Leyte

Dear Dr. Tulin:

It is with utmost desire to express my interest to apply for a post-doctoral position in Sunchon National University's Sustainable Livestock Agency (SLU). If given a chance, I will be working on the project titled *"A Study on Determination of Optimal Feed Amount in Late Pregnancy of Hyperprolific Sow using Imagery Intelligence"* under Prof. Chul-Ju Yang, the Head of Sustainable Livestock Agency (SLA), Department of Animal Science and Technology, Sunchon National University, South Korea. This research project is funded by the National Research Foundation of Korea.

During the first quarter of 2022, I have been receiving a communication from SLU regarding a proposal of collaborative research between DAS and the said unit. One means to make this happen is to send a faculty member from DAS for a training or a 6months to 1 year post-doctoral study in SLU. Fortunately, the National Research Foundation of Korea has sent a notice of recruitment of researchers (post-doctoral) which included the SLU. Based on the requirements for post-doctoral position (PhD degree holder and not more than 40 years old), only Dr. Jade Dhapnee Z. Compendio and I are eligible to apply. Given the post-doctoral research study which is in line with Animal Nutrition, I find it more relevant to my field of interest, thus my intent to apply for the said position.

This application is, however, not yet guaranteed until the final endorsement of SLU and the funding agency. If given a chance, I would be leaving DAS on "study-leave" status effective December 2022. Additionally, if granted a favorable decision, I will be seeking endorsement from the DAS personnel committee and from the Academic Personnel Board especially that, I have not yet completed the required return service to VSU after completing my PhD last 2021. Rest assured, our DAS teaching force will not be compromised by then because I am anticipating a total of 5 full time PhD degree holders (Dr. Abela, Dr. Compendio, Prof. Come, Prof. Villagonzalo, and Prof. Godinez) among the Department's faculty members. Hence, it will not hurdle our future accreditations by CHED's COPC, AACCUP, and among others. In fact, this opportunity will bring new milestone to DAS especially that I am so keen to establish a new international linkage for DAS with SLU of the Sunchon National University, South Korea.

May I **request a recommendation** (please see the draft) from you being my employer of our dear VSU. Please find page 13 of the application documents.

Thank you very much for all your support in my professional and academic endeavours.

Yours sincerely,

**MANUEL D. GACUTAN JR**

Head/Assoc Prof

DAS-CAFS



## [Annex 2] Recommendation of the Authority

### 21. Recommendation of the Authority

**Instructions: To be completed in detail and signed (the name and title of the responsible official must be typewritten) by the relevant body from the authorities. (Please check VII. List of Nominating Authorities If you gain recommendation of the organization mentioned above).**

- 1) Comments on academic qualifications, professional experiences in the research field and ability of the applicant:

Dr. Manuel D. Gacutan Jr has been working as a faculty in the Department of Animal Science (DAS) of the Visayas State University since 2007. In terms of academic qualification, he is of outstanding academic merits both in undergraduate and graduate studies which is vertically aligned in the field of Animal Science. He has been the department's chairman since January 2021 until present and have shown remarkable leadership in terms of instruction, research, and extension projects. Immediately upon his return from PhD degree, he has submitted research proposals for local and national funding. Lastly, as a graduate faculty, he has also served as chairman of the advisory committee of both Master's thesis and PhD dissertation.

- 2) Comments on the utilization of training output of the fellowship recipient to his/her motherland after returning home:

It is expected that Dr. Gacutan can share his new knowledge and research capabilities in the field of Animal Nutrition and Smart Farming to his students and colleagues in the department. Also, it is expected from him to foster strong academic and research linkage with the Sustainable Livestock Agency of the Department of Animal Science and Technology, Sunchon National University, South Korea.

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