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Prof. Ed Allan L. Alcober
Head, Eco-FARMI
VSU, Visca, Baybay City, Leyte

Dear **Prof. Alcober**,

Greetings from ISRDS!

May we request for the use of the Eco-FARMI Training Hall on August 12, 2025 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

The training hall shall serve as the venue for the forum titled "**Strategic Development Discussions: On Freedom of Information and Green Industrial Policy**" that ISRDS is conducting in partnership with the Action for Economic Reforms (AER) Industrial Policy Team. AER, a long-time development partner of ISRDS, is a civil society policy, advocacy, and action think tank working on key issues in macroeconomics and governance, with focus on industrial policy, freedom of information, fiscal reforms, and health measures.

There will be two sessions—Freedom of Information in the morning and Green Industrial Policy in the afternoon. We expect 40 participants from the university and 2 from the Baybay City LGU to attend the forum.

Your kind approval of this request will contribute to the pursuit of our endeavor to discuss relevant issues in Philippine society.

Thank you and warm regards.

Very truly yours,


LILIAN B. NUÑEZ
Director, ISRDS



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Forum on
Strategic Development Discussions:
On Freedom of Information and Green Industrial Policy
 August 12, 2025 (Tuesday)
 Eco-FARMI Training Hall, VSU

TIME	TOPIC	RESOURCE PERSON
8:00 - 9:00 AM	Registration	Ms. Rhea Angelie F. Dayondon dDRC, ISRDS, VSU
9:00 - 9:30 AM	Preliminaries	Ms. Elia Maury C. Jadina Instructor, ISRDS, VSU
	Welcome Remarks	Dr. Prose Ivy G. Yepes President, VSU
Session 1: Legislative Advocacy: Should We Start Again? Assessing the Prospects of Passing an FOI Law		
9:30 - 10:15 AM	What, how, whenever FOI?	Atty. Nepomuceno Malaluan Co-Convenor, R2KRN
		Ms. Jenina Joy Chavez Co-Convenor, R2KRN
10:15 - 10:35 AM	Reaction	Atty. Rysan C. Guinocor , Head, Data Privacy and FOI Services Office, VSU
		Dr. Max Teody T. Quimilat Director, Center for Socio-Cultural Research & Heritage Studies
10:35 - 11:20 AM	Open Discussion	Dr. Buenaventura B. Dargantes , Moderator Environmental Legal Assistance Center- Visayas
11:20 - 11:50 AM	Planning for Joint Advocacy	Prof. Maria Aurora Teresita W. Tabada Associate Professor, ISRDS, VSU
11:50 AM - 12:00 PM	Closing Remarks	Dr. Santiago T. Peña, Jr. VP-Research, Extension, and Innovation, VSU
12:00 - 1:00 PM	Lunch	ISRDS
Session 2: Reclaiming Critical Minerals: Can the Philippines Build Green Industry from the Ground Up?		
1:30 - 1:45 PM	Welcome Remarks	Dr. Glenn G. Pajares VP-Planning and Development

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1:45 - 2:30 PM	The VSU LEIZ Study: A Presentation and Discussion of Results	Dr. Jannet C. Bencure, Project Leader, VSU LEIZ Technical Team; Dean, Faculty of Engineering, VSU
	Open Discussion	Prof. Martin Jan E. Mercurio Head, Dept. of Geodetic Engineering
2:30 - 3:45 PM	Reclaiming Critical Minerals for Green Industrial Policy	Ms. Jenina Joy Chavez Coordinator, AER Industrial Policy Team
		Atty. Nepomuceno Malaluan AER Industrial Policy Team
	Open Discussion	Prof. Gina A. Delima Asst. Professor, ISRDS, VSU; Ph.D. Student, KU Leuven, Belgium
3:45 - 4:15 PM	Planning for Cooperative Work	Dr. Ivy C. Emnace Director, Research Office, VSU
4:15 - 4:45 PM	Synthesis	Dr. Lilian B. Nuñez Director, ISRDS
	Closing Remarks	Dr. Rotacio S. Gravoso VP-Academic Affairs