

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)**, 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 9437, with principal office at Visca, Baybay City, Leyte, Philippines, duly represented by the University President, **DR. EDGARDO E. TULIN**,

The **CITY AGRICULTURE OFFICE OF BAYBAY** with office address at the **BAYBAY CITY, LEYTE**, represented by City Agriculture Officer, **Ms. MORA C. ABARQUEZ.**; herein referred to as the **CAO of BAYBAY**;

-and-

The **HIBUNAWAN INTEGRATED FARMERS ASSOCIATION OF BRGY. HIBUNAWAN**, a local government organization created by law of the Republic of the Philippines, represented by its association president, **RICARDO A. ALKUINO JR.**, of legal age, Filipino, with present address at Brgy. Hibunawan, Baybay City, 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 August 24 to September 8 2021;

WHEREAS, the Visayas State University recognizes its basic role in the delivery of direct extension services to farmer associations in Hibunawan, Baybay City, Leyte and acknowledges its responsibility in ensuring the success of said research, development and extension project;

WHEREAS, the City Agriculture Office of Baybay is concerned of the well-being of its constituents by supporting efforts towards adaptation of Organic farming technologies for the upliftment of their farming activities;

WHEREAS, the Hibunawan Integrated Farmers Association is interested to adopt organic farming technologies to increase the farmer beneficiaries 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

Section 2. Responsibilities of CAO-Baybay:

The **CAO-Baybay** shall:

- 2.1 Organize the 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 **ECOFARMI** 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 Farmer Association:

The **Farmer's 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 Biofertilizer Production and Natural Farming Concoction.

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 September, 2021 at Baybay City, Leyte, Philippines.

CITY AGRICULTURE OFFICE

By:


Ms. MORA C. ABARQUEZ
City Agriculturist

HIBUNAWAN INTEGRATED FARMERS ASSOCIATION

By:



RICARDO A. ALKUINO JR.
President

VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY
Baybay City, Leyte

By:

EDGARDO E. TULIN, Ph.D.
President

Signed in the presence of:


DHENBER C. LUSANTA
OIC Director, Eco-FARMI

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
CITY OF BAYBAY
Province of Leyte

Before me, a Notary Public for and in above jurisdiction, personally appeared the following:

Name


I.D Number

EDGARDO E. TULIN


V.S.U ID No. V000522

RICARDO A. ALKUINO JR.

TIN 939-652-135



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 acts and deeds as to the agencies they represent.



This instrument, consisting of two (4) pages, including this page on which this acknowledgement is written, duly signed by the parties and their instrumental witnesses on each and every page hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, the day, year, and place above written.

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