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Attention: **Dr. Karen Luz Y. Teves**

Head, Department of Agricultural Education and Extension (DAEE)

Dear Dean Asio,

I am pleased to submit my application documents for the Associate Professor III position that the Department of Agricultural Education and Extension is currently seeking. I believe that my educational background, professional experience, as well as my community engagement will be invaluable to the instruction, research, and extension mission of the department.

My teaching experience as an Adjunct Faculty at the Graduate School of Eastern Samar State University (ESSU) from 2017 to 2018 honed my skills in teaching students at the graduate level. These courses at the graduate level include *Statistical Methods for Social Sciences* (ED 602), *Quantitative Research Methods* (AGRI 703), *Socio-Economic Management: Development Issues and Concerns* (MGT 610), *Advanced Research Methods* (AED 701), and *Seminar in Agri-Biodiversity* (AGRI 6155). I believe that the diversity of these courses I taught at ESSU will be useful in advancing the knowledge and skills of undergraduate and graduate students in the department.

Prior to my engagement as Adjunct Faculty at Eastern Samar State University, I served as Sessional Instructor at the Department of Community Health Sciences (Faculty of Medicine), University of Manitoba, in 2016. I taught *Human Development in the Family* (FMLY 1010) in Winter 2016 with more than 250 students as well *Theories of Social Development* (FMLY 3012) with more than 20 students in their third and final year of their university programs. I did co-teach also those courses in Summer 2016 via online but had to abruptly gave up teaching due to family emergency.

I did teach also at University of Winnipeg while doing my PhD program at the University of Guelph in 2012. I was a Sessional Instructor for the course *Introduction to International Development* (IDS-1100-002) in Fall 2011-Winter 2012 and *Environment and Sustainability: Farming, Fishing and Forestry* (GDP-7705-050) in Winter 2013.

While doing my PhD program in Guelph, I worked as the lead Data Analyst of the Toronto Aboriginal Research Project, which is the largest urban Aboriginal research project done in Canada to date. This report can be found online and it highlights the interplay of social, economic and political forces shaping poverty in an urban Aboriginal context. The report can be downloaded at:
<http://www.nativechild.org/about-us/publications>.

I have also worked as Enumerator/Data Analyst for Ethno-Vegetable Research Project – a research done in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). This project has led to several publications in which I co-authored with Dr. Glen C. Filson and Dr. Bamidele Adekunle, the principal investigators of the project.

Prior to coming to Canada in 2007, I worked as a development worker and researcher for many years at Philippines' Department of Agriculture. I worked as a Community Organizer and as an Agricultural Extension Worker at National Irrigation Administration and Provincial Agriculture Office, respectively and both organizations were under the Department of Agriculture in 1990s. My role in this agencies fields primarily focused in addressing rural poverty through building community capacity, agricultural technology transfer, farmers' literacy, and forging partnerships for rural transformation.

After years of field work, I worked as a Senior Science Research Specialist with the Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice). My experience working with Philippine government has enabled me to travel to more 60 provinces in the Philippines conducting training in agricultural technologies, establishing demonstration farms and field experiments, and building capacity of research partners particularly with academe and NGOs.

Apart from my unique experience as a development worker and as researcher in the Philippines, my experience as an international student at Pennsylvania State University (MS) and at University of Guelph (PhD) has enriched my perspectives in helping students grappling with the rigors and challenges of university life. The many assistance I sought while studying for my master's and PhD and the programs at these universities for foreign students has helped me succeed in my studies and I hope to share these invaluable experiences with my students.

Should my application merit your consideration, I can be reached through my cellular phone (204) 979-3984 or through my email address – ka_daryo@yahoo.com.

Thank you and best regards.

Sincerely,

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