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Dr. Aljay D. Valida
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Dear Dr. Valida,

I am writing to express my sincere interest in the part-time Instructor position in the Department of Horticulture. As an alumnus of the department, I am eager to return and share the extensive knowledge and practical skills I have gained through research, instruction, and hands-on agricultural experience. I would be honored to contribute to the department's mission of cultivating future leaders in sustainable agriculture.

I recently completed a year-long agricultural training program in Israel, which combined comprehensive theoretical classes with hands-on experience in modern horticultural farming. This training exposed me to advanced farming techniques practiced in developed countries, and I am enthusiastic about sharing these innovative and sustainable methods with students to broaden their agricultural knowledge. Additionally, my three years of experience as a Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA) in the department allowed me to teach major laboratory subjects in Horticulture, further strengthening my instructional skills and deepening my familiarity with the curriculum.

Before pursuing my Master's degree, I served as a Science Research Assistant for nearly two years, managing the Tissue Culture Laboratory. During this time, we successfully produced tissue-cultured yam plantlets for Benguet State University's Aeroponics Project. I introduced and micropropagated four yam varieties, leveraging my undergraduate thesis on the micropropagation of banana using cost-effective alternative gelling agents. These combined experiences have equipped me with a solid foundation to contribute effectively to the department and inspire future agriculturists to promote sustainable food production.

Currently, I am a candidate for the Master of Science in Horticulture major in Plantation crops and minor in Botany. I have completed all required coursework and the comprehensive exam and am diligently working on my thesis, which I plan to finish this semester.

Attached are my personal details and credentials for your review. Please feel free to contact me at your convenience via email at reian03laniba@gmail.com or through my contact number 0935-945-8229. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss how I can contribute to the department.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

REIAN O. LANIBA