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MARISEL A. LEORNA

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Dear Dr. Leorna,

I am writing to express my interest in the Associate Professor III (Permanent) position at the National Coconut Research Center-Visayas, Visayas State University. With a Master of Science in Plant Pathology and extensive experience in both teaching and research, I believe I am well-suited for this role.

I earned my Master's degree in Plant Pathology from Visayas State University and am a licensed agriculturist under RA 1080. Currently, I serve as an Instructor III at Eastern Samar State University (ESSU), where I teach courses on crop protection, pest management, plant disease management, and agricultural research. My research experience includes studying the antifungal activity of citronella essential oil against mango stem-end rot and analyzing the effects of organic fertilizers on tomato growth. Additionally, I have completed over 16 hours of relevant training in areas such as patent drafting, research methodologies, and nutrient management.

At ESSU-Salcedo Campus, I also hold the designation of Head of the Intellectual Property Office, where I oversee research and innovation initiatives. My involvement in research, management, and extension work—along with participation in seminars and workshops—has significantly contributed to my development as an educator and researcher.

I am committed to upholding professional standards, delivering high-quality education, and adapting to advancements in teaching and research. I am confident that my expertise and experience will allow me to make meaningful contributions to your department.

I have submitted my application through the VSU HRIS portal as requested. I look forward to the opportunity to further discuss my qualifications. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Enrico C. Virrey
Applicant