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University President Visayas State University Baybay, Leyte

Dear Dr. Tulin:

My utmost respect and felicitations!

A glocally competitive academic community that puts prime to the psychosocial development and well-being of its members—this is my vision of Visayas State University.

With my fervent desire to become part of VSU as Guidance Counselor – III, I am offering my expertise in the field of mental health through a scientist-practitioner-advocate approach. Aside from developing students' scholastic capabilities, the commitment of VSU in producing graduates who exemplify its core values of relevance, integrity, truth, and excellence is of particular interest to me because of my passion for student development. For a decade now, I have been engaged in implementing and managing school-based student welfare and development programs that helped students in their character formation.

I am a Registered Guidance Counselor and I ranked second when I took the licensure examination. My career path revolves in the academe. I have a solid teaching experience in secondary, tertiary, and graduate levels. From my humble beginnings as a Jesuit Volunteer in an under-resourced Catholic school in Eastern Samar, I am now occupying managerial and supervisory positions in a state university.

Currently, I am the Director of Guidance and Counseling at the Eastern Samar State University-Salcedo Campus. With my leadership, the University Center for Counseling and Psychosocial Development was established to unify the operations of the Guidance Offices across the five campuses of the University. The Center switched its Guidance functions from providing ancillary services to becoming an advocate of sound mental health and psychological well-being through the human formation programs that I developed. With such focus, the Center has readily responded to the psychosocial needs of the school community during the COVID-19 pandemic. As the Director, I regularly train and supervise Guidance Designates in the delivery of the Center's program especially in the articulation of responsive care, psychological assessment, and psychoeducation.

Likewise, I am the Dean of Student Affairs and a part-time faculty member in the Graduate School in the same institution.

With my wide experience in the practice of counseling—in the basic education and tertiary levels, in sectarian and non-sectarian schools, in public and private organizations—I will dispose my professional duties as counselor while being mindful of the ethical principles of the profession.

I look forward to meeting you in person to discuss more about my qualifications and with the ways I can contribute to the mission of VSU.

Mabuhay ang Viscans!

Respectfully,

KENT JAN A. BELDIA, RGC