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ROSARIO A. SALAS

Head Department of Horticulture Visayas State University Visca, Baybay City, Leyte

Dear Rosario A. Salas,

As a fresh VSU graduate of the BS in Agriculture program, major in Horticulture, *Cum Laude*, I am delighted with the Science Research Assistant position offered by the institution you are leading on. This is an opportunity which I found perfect for individuals such as myself who seek to start and pursue a career in Agricultural Research. I am confident that with my engagement in research, learnings, experiences, and training I received through the degree program I excelled, in line with this job, I can provide the necessary manpower to assist in the success of this institution.

Within the past four years of finishing my degree, I strived for academic excellence (e.g., lab and scientific report writing, presentations, and research), whether inside the classroom, on field, laboratory, or online. With my thesis, entitled, Growth and Yield of Lettuce (Lactuca sativa L. var. "Batavia") as Influenced by Reduced Levels of Potassium under Hydroponics System, it had extensively enhanced my research, analytical, and problem solving skills which I hope I can contribute in the research field, if given a chance.

Aside from academics, I also partook in school-based organizations where I became self-confident and developed my skills in leading, communication, and administrative task. I was able to be a part of our course-related organization, ViHoS, as once a fourth year representative and also am a member of TARSIER Philippines, a youth-led org that promotes environmental awareness. I am greatly inspired as an aspiring Science Research Assistant, who can provide contributions, and also gain opportunity to learn practical knowledge along the way. In addition, mistakes, failures, and lapses were situations I grew the most as an individual. I believe that this will be a challenging work experience that can shape my potential to the fullest extent. I believe that through these experiences, I am ready to set forth towards further pursuing my interests within the workplace, particularly in providing assistance as a member your office.

I look forward to hearing from you through my contact details presented above. Thank you for your consideration!

Best Regards,

Eduard John C. Catalan