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DR. PROSE IVY G. YEPES

President

Visayas State University

Visca, Baybay City, Leyte

Dear Dr. Yepes:

Greetings!

I have learned from VSU's official social media page that Eco-Farm & Resource Management Institute needs an **Instructor**. Hence, I am writing this application letter so that I may be considered for the position.

I finished my Master of Science degree major in Horticulture and Entomology as my minor field in Visayas State University last December 2019. During my graduate studies, I was one of the recipients of Graduate Science and Technology Scholarship under Accelerated Science & Technology Human Resource Development Program National Science Consortium (ASTHRDP) of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST).

After my DOST-ASTHRDP scholarship, I was fortunate to work on the Career Incentives Program (CIP) of DOST-SEI as Senior Science Research Specialist for 3 years, deployed in Visayas State University under the 5-year Australian-funded project (ACIAR-Australian Center for International Agricultural Research) started on February 2020, and about to finish just a couple of months from now. While working on this project under Prof. Gonzaga, we were able to assist farmers in Eastern Visayas and in Northern Mindanao (CDO, Claveria and Bukidnon) to become PhilGAP certified farms working with different government (BPI, DA and LGUs) and private agencies (Landcare Foundation Phil, Inc., and East West Seed Company and conducted researches on different vegetables from production to postharvest.

During my undergraduate and graduate studies, I evaluated the effects of wood vinegar application on the different crops, on the methods of application, the types of wood vinegar and the different concentrations used. These different studies not just focused on the growth, yield, and postharvest qualities but also on the insect pests attacking the crops.

I have previous experiences in the field of Instruction, Research and Extension in the Department of Horticulture. I worked as a Science Research Assistant funded by DA-BAR entitled "Gulayan ng Masa, Techno-Demo Farm Research and Extension project". Subsequently, I was also hired as Translator on Best Vegetable Practices Guide (Factsheets) of ACIAR-ICM (Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research - Integrated Crop Management).

Moreover, while working as a Science Research Assistant, I have experienced being a Laboratory Instructor at the Department of Horticulture, Visayas State University. I was able to attend several trainings, seminars, and conferences. Remarkably, I was also able to present oral and poster presentation some of our research works in international conferences, recently in Brisbane Australia during TropAg International Conference 2022 and was able to publish some of my scientific papers as co-authors and some are in press.

To provide pertinent data about myself, I have attached my resume/CV and transcript of records for further details of my qualifications. I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Thank you very much and I am hoping for your positive response. God Bless!

Yours sincerely,



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Applicant