DR. MARISEL A. LEORNA

Center Director National Coconut Research Center Visayas State University Visca, Baybay City, Leyte

Dear Dr. Leorna,

I am writing to express my interest in the position of Associate Professor IV, advertised as being open at this time on the National Coconut Research Center web page. I have experience in research and instruction. I believe that my 13 years of experience working as a science research assistant in the Visayas State University on the different research studies and the Northwest Samar State University as part of the research component and 7 years of experience working as an instructor prepare me to be an effective researcher and instructor in your center. I am extremely interested to apply for the said position.

I worked as a science research assistant at the National Abaca Research Center on the "Identification of Economically Fruit Trees Appropriate as Shade for Abaca Variety Laguis under the supervision of Dr. Lelita R. Gonzal and when the project terminated I was transferred to the tissue culture laboratory wherein I was assigned in the "In *vitro* Conservation and Maintenance of Abaca Germplasm" Mass Propagation and Commercialization of Disease-free Abaca Cultured for Planting Materials" under the supervision of Dr. Luz O. Moreno and Flora Mia Y. Duatin, respectively. Moreover, I was been part of the Regional Coconut Research Center under the supervision of Dr. Nerelito P. Pascual and Prof. Mario E. Baliad with the project entitled "On Farm Trials of Promising Coconut-based Cropping System on Established Coconut Plantation. Through my experience in different research centers, I have developed confidence, interest and provided me with a broad view and that is useful in assisting the success of the research center. Moreover, I am one of the component leaders of the research funded by DOST-PCAARRD and DA-BAR.

I was an Instructor at Maasin City College under the Department of Agriculture and I was designated as Department Coordinator. Presently, I am an Instructor at Northwest Samar State University, designated as Program Chairman of the BAT program and designated as Director of the Samar Integrated Organic In Agriculture and Research Development Center. Wherein, I taught the subject on plant propagation and nursery management, root crop and cereals production, postharvest technology, horticultural crop production, and management.

I graduated from the Visayas State University last June 2018 with a Doctor of Philosophy in Horticulture with a field specialization in pomology. My dissertation entitled "Flowering Behavior, Yield, and Quality of Jackfruit (*Artocarpus heterophyllus* Lam.) var. EVIARC Sweet as Influenced by Organic and Inorganic Fertilizer Application." I am a licensed Agriculturist and have a National Certificate II in Horticulture of TESDA.

I am confident that I shall prove my worth, and you can count on my dependability and willingness to help towards the success of your research center. I look forward and hoping for your favorable reply to this letter. I can be reached through my mobile number 09051960750 or with my e-mail address rosaliabriones19@gmail.com.

My enclosed curriculum vitae will serve to provide you with greater details of my background and what I have to offer.

Respectfully yours,

Rosalia L. Briones