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Dear Dr. Batistel,

## Greetings!

I am Jue Alef Lalas, a graduating PhD student from the University of the Ryukyus in Okinawa Japan. I am writing to express my interest in the Associate Professor position in the Department of Biological Sciences at Visayas State University, as advertised. Although my academic background is primarily in marine science, I have worked with various groups of animals from my bachelor's degree through my Ph.D. and during multiple projects as a research assistant at the University of the Philippines. Thus, I believe I possess the capabilities of a zoology major.

My teaching experience at Xavier University-Ateneo de Cagayan and my teaching assistantship at the University of the Ryukyus (Japan) have prepared me well for this role. Although my teaching experience is relatively limited, I have years of research experience, and my list of publications in international journals attests to my contributions to science.

In addition to my passion for imparting knowledge to the students of VSU, who are our future scientists, I am deeply interested in conducting various scientific research projects in Eastern Visayas. To my knowledge, many parts of this area remain understudied and offer significant research potential. I believe I can contribute to your esteemed university through research in both marine science and zoology.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jue Alef Lalas