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Dr. MARIA JULIET C. CENIZA

Department Head

Department of Pest Management

Visayas State University

Visca, Baybay City, Leyte

Dear Dr. Ceniza,

I am writing to express my interest in the Associate Professor V position (Permanent) in the Department of Pest Management at Visayas State University. I hold a Master of Science in Plant Pathology and have experience in both teaching and research, which I believe makes me a suitable candidate for the position.

I completed my Master's degree in Plant Pathology at Visayas State University, with a thesis focused on the virulence analysis of bacterial leaf blight isolates and resistance evaluation of selected aromatic rice varieties to *Xanthomonas oryzae* pv. *oryzae*. I am also a licensed agriculturist under RA 1080. In my current role as an Instructor III at Eastern Samar State University (ESSU), I teach subjects related to crop protection, pest management, plant disease management, and agricultural research. Additionally, I have led research projects such as studying the antifungal activity of citronella essential oil against mango stem-end rot and the effects of organic fertilizers on tomato growth. Also, I have participated in over 16 hours of relevant training, covering topics such as patent drafting, research methods, and nutrient management. My experience in research management and extension work, including seminars and workshops, has also contributed to my development as an educator and researcher.

In line with the qualifications for the position, I am committed to maintaining professional standards, delivering quality service, and adapting to changes in teaching and research environments. I am confident that my background in plant pathology and my experience in higher education will allow me to contribute positively to your department.

I have submitted my application through the VSU HRIS portal as requested. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss my qualifications further. Thank you for considering my application.

Sincerely,



Enrico C. Virrey

Applicant