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Thru: Dr. Rotacio S. Gravoso
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Dear Dr. Yepes;

Greetings!

I am writing to avail myself of the 5-day Educational Tour and apply for the Authorization to travel. I joined an organized trip to Lombok Island, Indonesia, from April 29 to May 6, 2024. This is a personal trip for my well-being.


This trip is more than just exploring places; as an anthropologist, it will also be an exploration of different people and cultures. Indonesia, like the Philippines, is also culturally diverse. Lombok, specifically, is home to its unique indigenous group called Sasak. The Sasak celebrates ceremonies related to birth, marriage, death, and special religious days all year round. This trip will enhance my knowledge regarding Indigenous practices on the island, which are relevant to my research and instruction.

Thank you very much for your support and consideration. More power!

Respectfully,



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