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**DR. PROSE IVY G. YEPES**

President

Visayas State University

Baybay City, Leyte

Thru: **DR. ROTACIO S. GRAVOSO**

Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dear Dr. Yepes:

Greetings!

I am writing to request approval to avail the 5-day Cultural and Educational Tour in Hong Kong and Macau from September 23 to September 29, 2025, and seek authorization to travel. This request also includes authority to travel for immigration requirements. While this trip is personally funded and aimed at enhancing my overall well-being, I also view it as an opportunity to broaden my cultural awareness and professional perspective as an educator.

This travel will enable me to immerse myself in the rich blend of Eastern and Western cultural heritage unique to Hong Kong and Macau, observing how these regions preserve their historical traditions—such as Macau's Portuguese colonial architecture and Hong Kong's fusion of Chinese and British influences—while integrating them into modern urban development. I also look forward to exploring educational and cultural institutions, including museums, heritage sites, and public spaces that reflect how cultural identity is maintained amidst globalization. Understanding these cultural dynamics will allow me to draw meaningful parallels and contrasts with our own local context, inspiring more globally-aware and culturally-sensitive approaches in my teaching, as well as integrating authentic cultural examples into classroom discussions to enrich my students' appreciation for diversity and global perspectives.

I am confident that this opportunity will not only contribute to my personal growth but will also enhance my professional contributions to our academic community.

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

Respectfully yours,

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