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T O: Dr. Othello B. Capuno

R E: Designation as PHERNet Director

VSU has been identified by CHED as one of the institutions to constitute the Philippine Higher Education Research Network (PHERNet). The network is aimed at encouraging and facilitating collaborative, interdisciplinary/multisectoral approaches to the generation and dissemination of new knowledge and technologies. Identified on the basis of capacity for and track record in intellectual property (IP) generation, PHERNet centers are expected to conduct high quality research that would maintain and enhance the country's international standing in areas of national priority.

Specifically, the terms of reference of PHERNet centers are to:

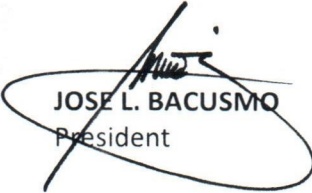
1. Conduct basic and applied, interdisciplinary research aimed at intellectual property generation in their known field(s) of excellence and on the priority areas identified in the National Higher Education Research Agenda-2 (NHERA-2, in [http:// www.ched.gov.ph](http://www.ched.gov.ph));
2. Initiate collaborative research and development (R & D) with foreign counterparts/regional or area partners and act as major linkage to international programs;
3. Participate in innovation cluster (government-industry-academe) collaborative activities; and
4. Provide high quality post graduate education and training environments for researchers.

In connection with this new initiative, you are hereby designated as **PHERNet Director effective immediately until December 31, 2012** or unless sooner revoked or terminated by higher authorities. As PHERNet Director, you will act as program leader to plan, organize and supervise the preparation of the identified R & D program, oversee the

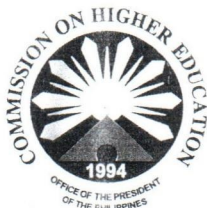
implementation of the approved program and the consolidation of program outputs, and represent VSU in PHERNet collaborative activities. Likewise, you are to spearhead among our active researchers/research units the development for possible CHED funding, an interdisciplinary research and development program proposal on any of the priority themes identified in NHERA-2.

Attached is a letter from Dr. Patricia B. Licuanan for your reference.

Please be guided accordingly.


JOSE L. BACUSMO
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DR. JOSE L. BACUSMO

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Dear **DR. BACUSMO**:

Greetings from the CHED family!

We would like to express our gratitude to the VSU community for hosting the CHED-Zonal Research Center for more than ten years (2000-2011) and for helping us push forward initiatives to enhance the research capacity and productivity of Philippine higher education institutions.

In the face of new challenges and opportunities for higher education research to contribute towards advancing the country's development and global competitiveness, the Commission has decided to adopt a differentiated and two-pronged approach to research promotion in order to simultaneously address the different needs of developed and developing higher education research institutions. This will involve transforming and dividing the Zonal Research Centers into two groups: one group of *national* research centers to be clustered into a Philippine Higher Education Research Network (PHERNet), and another group of *regional* centers to be called Higher Education Regional Research Centers (HERRCs).

I am pleased to inform you that the Commission identified VSU among the institutions to be invited to constitute the PHERNet. The network is aimed at encouraging and facilitating collaborative, interdisciplinary/multisectoral approaches to the generation and dissemination of new knowledge and technologies. Identified on the basis of capacity for and track record in intellectual property (IP) generation, PHERNet centers are expected to conduct high quality research that would maintain and enhance the country's international standing in areas of national priority.

Specifically, the terms of reference of PHERNet centers are to: 1) Conduct basic and applied, interdisciplinary research aimed at intellectual property generation in their known field(s) of excellence and on the priority areas identified in the National Higher Education Research Agenda-2 (NHARA-2, in [http:// www:ched.gov.ph](http://www.ched.gov.ph)); 2) initiate collaborative research and development (R & D) with foreign counterparts/regional or area partners and act as major

*Inday/Alan, 1/16/2012
Pls. issue an appointment
for Othello as PHER Net
Director. Also prepare
a cover letter cum thanks
for CHED.
Thanks.*

linkage to international programs; 3) participate in innovation cluster (government-industry-academe) collaborative activities; and 4) provide high quality post graduate education and training environments for researchers.

CHED's commitment for PHERNet and its individual members includes mobilization and allocation of funds for the conduct of research, publication of a selected national journal for each major discipline, direct access or subscription to online international journals and databases such as Scopus/ScienceDirect/others, and participation in international or regional linkages for research.

In connection with this new initiative, may we invite your active researchers/research units to develop for possible CHED funding, an interdisciplinary research and development program proposal on any of the priority themes identified in NHERA-2. May we also request you to designate a PHERNet Center Director, preferably the Vice President in charge of research, who will act as program leader to plan, organize and supervise the preparation of the said R & D program proposal, oversee the implementation of the approved program and the consolidation of program outputs, and represent VSU in PHERNet collaborative activities. It is expected that the designated official would have the requisite expertise and research track record (as evidenced by IPs) in the major field covered by the proposed program.

For the guidance of your researchers and the designated PHERNet Center Director, CHED is initially allocating for each PHERNet member, P10 Million per year for a three-year R & D program. This will be in addition to the committed support for the publication of accredited journal(s), online subscription to international journals/databases, and international/regional linking activities or collaborative projects.

We shall convene a network meeting sometime in January 2012. We would therefore appreciate receiving the name of your designated PHERNet Center Director, or at least an interim focal person as soon as possible. For details, documentation requirements or further information, the designated official may contact Dr. Jean C. Tayag, Director of the Office of Policy, Planning, Research and Information at the following numbers: (632) 441-11-69; 0920-948-4997, or email: jctayag@gmail.com; jtayag@ched.gov.ph.

We look forward to your continuing support and cooperation in promoting higher education research.

Very truly yours,


PATRICIA B. LICUANAN, Ph.D.
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