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DR. BEATRIZ S. BELONIAS

Vice President for Academic Affairs
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Dear **Dr. Belonias**:

This pertains to the travel of **Mr. Mark Gil A. Vega** to present his papers in the Southeast Asian Conference on Education (SEACE 2024) on 15-19 February 2024 in Chiang Mai, Thailand which was submitted to this office in compliance with the Memorandum from the Commission dated 24 July 2018 titled "Guidelines for Securing Authority to Travel Abroad for State Universities and Colleges."

Upon evaluation, we deem that the Southeast Asian Conference on Education (SEACE 2024) is bona fide, valid and credible. The organizer, International Academic Forum (IAFOR), is a reputable research organization dedicated to encouraging interdisciplinary discussions. Moreover, we note that selected papers for this conference will be published in IAFOR Journal of Education which is a Scopus, DOAJ and Google Scholar-indexed journal. For travels funded by the SUC to attend paper presentations in international conferences, it is advised that the university affiliation cited in the publication of the paper presentation of the participating faculty is the SUC funding said travel.

Kindly note that the assessment stated herein refers only to the legitimacy of the activity. We would like to clarify that the Board of Trustees/Regents of your school reserves the right to approve attendance in such activity upon submission of recommendation and certification from the OVPAA/SUC Director for international affairs that the activity is connected to the institution's Strategic Internationalization Plan and endorsement from the SUC President to the BOR.

Verification of release and approval may be checked at <https://bit.ly/SUCstogo>.

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