



Visayas State University
Visca, Baybay, Leyte
6521-A Philippines

**Office of the Secretary of the University
And of the Board of Regents**

Republic of the Philippines
VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY
Visca, Baybay, Leyte

BOR RESOLUTION NO. 80, s. 2014

**A RESOLUTION COURSED THROUGH A REFERENDUM
ENDORING THE REQUEST OF VSU PRESIDENT JOSE L. BACUSMO
FOR AUTHORITY TO TRAVEL TO THAILAND TO ATTEND THE 20th AAACU
GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND BIENNIAL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN THE
KAMPHAENG SAEN CAMPUS, KASETSART UNIVERSITY, THAILAND
ON 07 DECEMBER 2014 TO 11 DECEMBER 2014 *SUBJECT TO*
EXISTING RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING
FOREIGN TRAVELS BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS**

WHEREAS, the Asian Association of Agricultural Colleges and Universities (AAACU) will be holding its 20th General Assembly and Biennial Conference at the Kamphaeng Saen Campus, Kasetsart University, Thailand this coming 08 December 2014 to 10 December 2014 with the theme: "*Agriculture in the Next Generation*";

WHEREAS, the Visayas State College of Agriculture now the Visayas State University is one of the founding member of the AAACU;

WHEREAS, Dr. Jose L. Bacusmo, University President, currently a member of the AAACU Board, has been invited to participate in this biennial meeting;

WHEREAS, the AAACU will be supporting the round-trip economy-class international plane fare and food and accommodation expenses of President Jose L. Bacusmo in connection with his travel to attend the said AAACU biennial meeting; and

WHEREAS, the University President is requesting that he be allowed to utilize University Funds for his domestic travel for this purpose and to receive from the University travelling allowance covering one (1) day before and one (1) day after the conference *subject to* guidelines on foreign travel formulated for this purpose; and

NOW, THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Dr. Jose L. Bacusmo, be as he is, be permitted to travel abroad to attend the 20th AAACU General assembly and Biennial Meeting at the Kamphaeng Saen Campus, Kasetsart University, Thailand this coming 07 December 2014 to 11 December 2014 with the theme: "*Agriculture in the Next Generation*".

IN WITNESS of our approval thereof, we hereby affix our signatures this 20th day of November 2014 at Visayas State University, City of Baybay, Leyte.

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11 September 2014

DR. JOSE L. BACUSMO

President
Visayas State University and
AAACU Board Member
6521-A Visca, Baybay, Leyte

Subject: 2014 AAACU General Assembly and Biennial Conference

Dear Dr. Bacusmo,

Greetings from AAACU!

We are pleased to invite you to the 20th AAACU General Assembly and Biennial Conference to be held in collaboration with Kasetsart University on December 8-10, 2014 at the Kasetsart University Kamphaeng Saen Campus in Thailand. The theme of this year's event is **"Agriculture in the Next Generation."**

Expected participants are member universities and institutions of AAACU, agricultural universities and institutions, and agricultural education policy makers and practitioners.

The three-day Conference will commence in the morning of 8 December 2014 and will be followed by Plenary Sessions and short Paper Presentations. AAACU is inviting academics, researchers, and students to share their experiences by submitting papers and abstracts on the theme of the Conference. Email abstracts of papers **NOT LATER THAN 30 September 2014** to aaacu2014@ku.ac.th. Please cc aaacu2012@yahoo.com. Indicate the subject of your email as 2014 AAACU Conference Abstract. Participants whose papers will be considered for presentation will be informed by **15 October 2014**. Full Conference papers should be submitted by **15 November 2014**.

As an active member, we wish to reiterate that AAACU will shoulder your round-trip (discounted economy class) plane ticket to Thailand, food, and accommodation. For your convenience, you may purchase your round-trip plane ticket from your country to Thailand and we shall reimburse to you the cost of the ticket upon arrival at the venue and upon presentation of the invoice and copy of the ticket. Because of limited funds, we wish to reiterate that AAACU could only reimburse the cost of a discounted economy class ticket.

Should you have any other inquiries, please contact us at aaacu2012@yahoo.com.

Best regards,

DOMINGO E. ANGELES, PhD
AAACU Executive Secretary/Treasurer
and Dean, College of Agriculture, UPLB
College, Laguna, 4031 Philippines

ABOUT AAACU

With the firm belief that institutions of higher learning have the responsibility of "contributing to the improvement of human condition," the Asian Association of Agricultural Colleges and Universities was established with the following objectives which have guided AAACU in all its activities since its establishment:

- To help enhance the effectiveness of programs in agricultural instruction, research and extension;
- To formulate or promulgate plans, programs and policies that will enable the member institutions to achieve common or similar goals;
- To determine ways and means by which member institutions may be able to build strong linkages among institutions and agencies serving agriculture; and
- To exchange experiences among the members as to the means by which they can contribute more effectively to the advancement of human welfare in Asia.

ABOUT KU-KPS

Kasetsart University, the first Higher Education Institute in Thailand to offer an academically strong program in agriculture, was established since 1943. From an initial offering of only four bachelor's degree programs, it is has grown to become a national and international leading comprehensive university offering as many as 78 bachelor's degree programs, 64 master's degree programs, and 19 doctorate programs. Its teaching personnel have increased tremendously from less than 100 to 1,885 at present.

The Kamphaeng Saen Campus is one of three campuses of KU and is strategically located 80km west of the Bangkok Campus. KU-KPS has committed itself to being a research-based University to create various bodies of knowledge which can be used to improve, through teaching, the quality of graduates and contribute towards the general development as well as the identifying and solving problems of the community, region and the country.

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AN INVITATION

**20TH GENERAL
ASSEMBLY AND BIENNIAL
CONFERENCE**

THEME:

Agrifuture:

The Next Generation

Inspiring the Youth of Today

8-10 DECEMBER 2014

**KASETSART UNIVERSITY
KAMPHAENG SAEN CAMPUS (KU-KSC)
NAKHOM PATHOM PROVINCE
THAILAND**

ORGANIZED BY:



**The Asian Association of Agricultural Colleges
and Universities (AAACU)**

and

**Kasetsart University
Kamphaeng Saen Campus (KU.KPS.)**

ABOUT THE THEME

"Does agriculture as we know it have a future?"

The online debate on the Future of Agriculture organized by OXFAM expressed an optimistic vision for the future of agriculture, though the reasons for the optimism vary: from faith in fossil fuel and chemical-based agriculture to organic and sustainable agriculture, the latter being viewed as not only empowering for women farmers, but the recognition as well of their valuable role and knowledge in agriculture. The primacy of smallholders was likewise acknowledged maintaining that this group can "generate research knowledge and use it for their own prosperity."

One of the most salient point raised during the Future of Agriculture debate was for the youth to pursue agriculture as a career. The [rural] youth is seen as the future of food security. Unfortunately, few young people see a future for themselves in agriculture. This is not to mention the lingering perception among the youth that agriculture is simply farming, and farming is not an occupation young people would aspire to pursue. Results of a study in 2011 on the engagement of the rural youth in agricultural activities reveal a number of challenges that the youth needs to hurdle. These challenges range from the youth's insufficient access to knowledge and information, and education; to limited access to arable land, financial services, markets; and limited involvement in policy dialogue.

As we are in the era of Education for All (EFA), it is incumbent on us as educators to bring to the fore the importance of this vital sector of the economy and secure its future.

With 2014 declared by the UN as International year of Family Farm the AAACU Conference is but a timely activity as the declaration reflects a growing global consensus that family farming is key to feeding a global population. The Conference is so designed to provide a range of perspectives, challenges and approaches necessary to secure the future of agriculture.

OBJECTIVES

- To present the diversity of perspectives of looking at the future of agriculture in terms of food, energy, environment, and agro-tourism;
- To identify key issues and challenges in higher education that will further excellence in agriculture as a discipline;

CALL FOR PAPERS/ ABSTRACTS

AAACU is inviting academics, researchers, and students to share their experiences by submitting papers and abstracts on the theme.

Email abstracts of papers NOT LATER THAN **2 November 2014** to aaacu2014@ku.ac.th. Indicate the subject of your email as **2014 AAACU Conference Abstract**. Participants whose papers will be considered for presentation will be informed by **14 November 2014**. Full Conference papers should be submitted by **15 November 2014**.

PARTICIPANTS

- Academics
- Students
- Representatives from GOs and NGOs
- Agriculture industry groups

CONFERENCE FORMAT

The three-day Conference will commence in the morning of 8 December 2014 and will be followed by Plenary Sessions and short Paper Presentations on the major sub-themes. The Plenary Speakers will address the theme: "Agriculture in the Next Generation."

FEEES

Overseas Participants:

- Non-AAACU Members – USD200
- Students – USD120

Thai Participants:

- Thai Participants – Baht1,500
- Thai Students – Baht1,200

Fees shall be paid upon Registration. The fee covers conference materials, meals and snacks, and an excursion.

The fees do not cover accommodation. Participants should communicate directly to aaacu2014@ps.ku.ac.th regarding room reservations.



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ITINERARY OF TRAVEL

Date	Place	Time of Departure	Time of Arrival	Mode of Transport	Estimated Cost
Dec. 7, 2014	VSU - Tacloban Airport	4:30 AM	6:30 AM	Govt. Veh.	P 1,760.00
	Tacloban - Manila (PR2982)	6:45 AM	8:15 AM	Plane	9,475.00
	Airport - VMO	8:30 AM	9:00 AM	Govt. Veh.	500.00
Dec. 8, 2014	VMO - Airport	4:00 AM	4:30 AM	Govt. Veh.	500.00
	Manila - Bangkok (5J929)	6:25 AM	8:45 AM	Plane	-
Dec. 11, 2014	Bangkok - Manila (5J930)	9:35 AM	1:55 PM	Plane	-
	Manila - Tacloban (PR2187)	3:15 PM	4:45 PM	Plane	9,660.00
	Tacloban Airport - VSU	5:00 PM	7:00 PM	Govt. Veh.	1,760.00
TOTAL					P23,655.00

JOSE L. BACUSMO
President
Visayas State University