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Thru: **MR. JESSE M. PINE**
Provincial Director
DOST-PSTO-Oriental Mindoro

Dear **Dr. Abilay**,

Greetings!

We respectfully endorse the attached research proposal, "Development of Thermally-Processed Ready-to-Eat Arroz Caldo in Three Variants," for your consideration under the Grants-in-Aid Program of DOST-MIMAROPA.

This project aims to develop ready-to-eat (RTE) Arroz Caldo in three variants: squid, mushroom, and mussels. The project includes product formulation, sensory analysis, process standardization, and complete laboratory analysis to ensure compliance with food safety and quality standards.

Through this endeavor, we seek to address the growing demand for convenient, nutritious, and shelf-stable food products, particularly in emergency food reserves and feeding programs. The thermally processed Arroz Caldo variants offer an innovative solution with locally available ingredients to advance food security while supporting regional economic development.

We firmly believe that this project will bring substantial benefits to the MIMAROPA region. We sincerely hope for your favorable consideration and support to ensure the successful implementation of this endeavor.

Thank you for your time and kind support.

Sincerely,

Dr. Enya Marie D. Apostol

University President