# MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

## On Establishment of Sweet Potato Puree Processing Enterprise to Serve as Market for the Farmers and to Provide Healthy Alternative Food Products for the Constituents of Baybay City

**KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:**

This **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**, hereinafter referred to as **MOA**, made and entered into on the 8th day of December 2020 in VSU, Baybay City, Leyte, Philippines by and between the following parties:

**The Local Government Unit of Baybay City (LGU Baybay)** a city committed to promoting health and wellness as well as providing its constituents a sustainable root crops-based livelihood systems through the utilization of available technologies herein represented by the **City Mayor JOSE CARLOS L. CARI;**

-and-

The **VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY**, an institution of higher learning created and existed by virtue of P.D. No. 470, with principal address at Baybay, Leyte Philippines represented herein by its President, Dr. Edgardo E. Tulin, and hereinafter referred to as **VSU;**

### WITNESSETH

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**WHEREAS,** VSU, through the Philippine Rootcrop Research and Training Center "PhilRootcrops", is mandated to disseminate the available rootcrop technologies to both the public and private sectors through partnership and other useful means, including the execution of legal instruments.
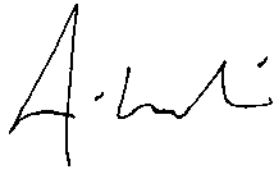
**WHEREAS,** LGU Baybay, through its City Agriculture Office, seeks partnerships with VSU for the establishment of Sweet Potato Puree Processing facility that will serve as a market for the sweet potato farmers of in the city as well as provide healthy alternative food products to the constituents.

**WHEREAS,** VSU, with its agricultural mandate and technological resources, is capable of assisting LGU Baybay and its beneficiaries.

**WHEREAS,** both parties agree to implement a collaborative project on the establishment of Sweetpotato Puree Processing Enterprise in Baybay City in order to attain the aforementioned objectives.

**NOW THEREFORE,** for and in consideration of the foregoing premises, the PARTIES hereby agree that:

**All Parties shall:**

1. Ensure the sustainability of the project through effective monitoring and evaluation, promotion, and marketing;
2. Comply to the demands of the project;
3. Decide on the regularity of the site visits and meetings;
4. Sign a new agreement after a two (2) years of project implementation to set and adjust new objectives if necessary.

**LGU Baybay shall:**

1. Fund the necessary building establishment, equipment, and corresponding development activities of the project amounting to ten million pesos (Php10,000,000);
2. Coordinate with its local stakeholders on the implementation of the project;
3. Decide on a focal person from LGU for the duration of the project implementation.

**VSU shall:**

1. Provide its technical expertise and assistance in sweetpotato puree processing to LGU Baybay through technology transfer activities like trainings and technology demonstrations;
2. Provide LGU Baybay the necessary supports in the product development and market matching activities;
3. Call for regular meetings with the representatives of LGU Baybay to discuss issues related to the project;
4. Assign a focal person who will visit the project sites on a regular basis to monitor, evaluate, and, if necessary, troubleshoot problems in the project implementation;
5. Involve all the focal persons of LGU Baybay in every communication done between parties;
6. Develop and enforce management and operational policies of the collaborative project.
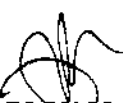
**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the PARTIES hereto have caused this Agreement to be signed in their respective names in PhilRootcrops, Visayas State University, Baybay City, Leyte in the Republic of the Philippines, as of the day and year written above.
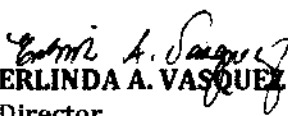
JOSE CARLOS L. CARI
City Mayor
LGU Baybay

EDGARDO E. TULIN
President
Visayas State University

*Signed in the presence of:*

MORA ABARQUEZ
City Agriculture Officer
Baybay City

MARLON M. TAMBIS
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