

Office of the Director

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DR. EDGARDO E. TULIN

President

Visayas State University

Visca, Baybay City, Leyte

Dear **Dr. Tulin**:

This letter has reference to my compulsory retirement on 24 February 2022 and the directorship of the Renewable Energy Research Center (RERC) after my retirement.

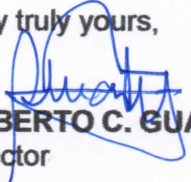
I am highly recommending **Engr. Eldon P. De Padua**, the current head of the Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering, to be the **next Director of the Renewable Energy Research Center (RERC)**. I have discussed this matter with the management of the College of Engineering and Technology (CET) since late last year. Last 27 January 2022 I had the chance to discuss it with Dr. Jannet C. Bencure, Dean of CET, and Engr. De Padua. In that meeting, Engr. De Padua agreed to take the directorship of RERC with the wholehearted support of Dr. Bencure.

The Renewable Energy Research Center plays a crucial role in the College of Engineering and Technology. Aside from being a venue to conduct and promote renewable energy technologies for agri-industrial applications, climate change mitigation, and food security, it also serves as a major research Center of the College which is required in most of its international accreditation and certification applications. That is the reason why I recommend that the leadership of RERC should be from the faculty members of the College of Engineering and Technology.

Engr. De Padua is among the few top candidates in the university and even the most qualified faculty member of the College of Engineering for the said position based on his field of specialization, relevant administrative experience, and research involvement in renewable energy. Engr. De Padua has been involved in the different RERC research activities and he is currently the study leader of a study on the *development of an automated water circulation system for the solar evaporative cooler for vegetable storage* under the Solar Evaporative Cooling Project for Vegetable Storage. I believe that Engr. De Padua will revolutionize the operation of RERC and the implementation of its programs that will benefit the university and its clientele.

May this recommendation merit your consideration and approval.

Very truly yours,


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Director