



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

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This Memorandum of Understanding is made into this 12th day of September 2022, by and between:

The **EASTERN VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY**, a public institution of higher education with office address at Arch. Lino Gonzaga Avenue, Tacloban City, Leyte, herein represented by its University President, **Dr. DENNIS C. DE PAZ**, hereinafter referred to as the first party;

-and-

The **EDU-CONNECT SOUTHEAST ASIA ASSOCIATION**, a non-profit organization, represented by its President, **DR. CHING -YU YANG** hereinafter referred to as second party.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, EVSU, in its quest to become a leading technological university in the ASEAN region, has expressed its intention and purpose to provide a holistic training and experience as well as opportunities for its learners and educators by creating pathways that will lead them forward in their respective fields. The flagship programs of EVSU are in the fields of Engineering, Technology and Science (ETS);

WHEREAS, EVSU aims to promote the advancement of science, engineering and technology; encourage collaborative work among scientists and engineers of Philippine descent in research and development through scholarly and scientific endeavors, support efforts that advance science and technology and recognize and honor the achievements of Filipino scientists and engineers;

WHEREAS, EVSU needs external help from its partner agencies in the name of cooperation and goodwill and likewise needing support to both parties for the effective and efficient conduct of Science and Technology innovations in the university;

WHEREAS, the parties agree to cooperate toward advancing science, engineering and technology in ETS Instruction and Research.

WHEREAS, EDU-CONNECT SOUTHEAST ASSOCIATION, aims at providing assistance through various relevant and state-of-the-art educational programs and services to its partner Universities in Southeast Asia.

EDU-CONNECT SOUTHEAST ASIA ASSOCIATION SHALL ASSIST THE EASTERN VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS OF INTEREST, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

1. VISITING PROFESSORSHIPS

EVSU shall engage Taiwan Faculty as Visiting Professors to teach (online/onsite) specialized courses in their graduate/undergraduate programs. They may also serve as graduate thesis or dissertation panel members.

EVSU shall provide logistical support and financial compensation as EVSU Visiting Professor in accordance with university as well as government rules and regulations.

EVSU shall provide Foreign Language Teachers (English, Filipino and Waray-Waray) to intensify the foreign language programs amongst partner Universities in Taiwan.

2. FACULTY AND STUDENT CULTURAL EXCHANGE

EVSU shall come up with the mechanisms and policies that will put in place its faculty and student cultural exchange program for the benefit of the university.

3. FACULTY AND STUDENT MOBILITY

EVSU shall request assistance from the second party for the faculty and student mobility program as a platform to elevate the educational landscape of the university for lifelong learning;

4. COOPERATION IN EDUCATION AND TRAINING

EVSU shall also open windows of opportunities for education and training for the university through the assistance of the second party along the concept of Bayanihan to allow holistic development of EVSU's instrumentalities to better improve the delivery of its basic mandated functions;

5. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AND EXTENSION (RDE) COLLABORATION

EVSU shall optimize the leadership of the second party in sustaining partnership to strategies the mechanisms for an increased research productivity, both for knowledge dissemination, innovation, technology transfer, good governance and more importantly for SDG-driven projects.

DATA PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY

Each Party shall keep confidential any information that it receives from the other Party which is marked confidential or which a Party notifies the other Party is confidential. The extent of the confidentiality requirements shall be determined by both Parties on a case to case basis.

The Parties agree to comply with all provisions of the Privacy Act 1993 as regards to the use of shared information. All shared information is to be stored securely. Non-compliance with the provisions of the Privacy Act 1993 by one Party is that Party's sole responsibility. It is recognized that all Parties have strict processes in place to ensure confidentiality and that information shared between them will remain secure. All sensitive information is to be destroyed internally and not issued to a document destruction agency.

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Information will not be distributed to a third party without prior authorization by the Party that provided that information.

AMENDMENT, DURATION, TERMINATION AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

The Parties are entitled to clarify, modify or vary the terms and conditions of the said agreement provided that it is done in good faith and is in writing approved and signed by both parties.

This Agreement shall take effect upon signing of the parties. For the termination of the whole Agreement, either party may propose such to the other by serving a written notice, at least thirty (30) days prior to the proposed termination of this Agreement.

In case of conflict or dispute between the parties arising from this agreement, all Parties agree to freely and voluntarily submit themselves to necessary consultation and negotiation for purposes of amicable settlement and to find a mutually acceptable solution to their conflict/dispute.

By the Authority of EVSU Board of Regents:

EASTERN VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY

**EDU-CONNECT SOUTHEAST ASIA
ASSOCIATION**

DR. DENNIS C. DE PAZ
President

DR. CHING -YU YANG
President, Edu-Connect Southeast
Asia Association, Kaohsiung,
Taiwan
President, National Kaohsiung
University of Science and
Technology

IN WITNESS HEREOF, the parties to this Memorandum of Understanding hereunder subscribed and affixed their respective signatures this 12th day of September, 2022.

WITNESSES:

DR. LYDIA M. MORANTE
Vice President for Academic Affairs, EVSU

DR. TIM EING- MING WU
Chair Professor, SHU- TE University
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