

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

This **Memorandum of Understanding** is made into as of 24th day of September 2021 (the “Effective Date”), by and between:

The **EASTERN VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY**, a public institution of higher education with office address at Salazar St., Tacloban City, Leyte, herein represented by its University President, **Dr. DENNIS C. DE PAZ**, hereinafter referred to as **EVSU**;

-and-

The **PHILIPPINE-AMERICAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE & ENGINEERING**, a non-profit organization composed of scientists and engineers of Philippine descent who have distinguished themselves in scholarly and research related activities with postal address at Marine Science Institute, Velasquez Street, University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City 1101, Philippines herein represented by its President, **DR. GISELA PADILLA-CONCEPCION**, who is duly authorized to represent it in this agreement, hereinafter referred to as **PAASE**.

-and-

The **DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - REGIONAL OFFICE NO. VIII**, a government agency duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, represented by its Regional Director, **Engr. ERNESTO M. GRANADA**, with principal office at Government Center, Candahug, Palo, Leyte, hereinafter referred to as “**DOST VIII**”;

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, EVSU, in its quest to become a leading technological university in the ASEAN region, has expressed its 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, PAASE 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, DOST VIII pledges to extend their cooperation and support to both parties for the effective and efficient conduct of the Innovation, Science and Technology for Accelerating Regional Technology-based Development (iSTART) initiatives in the Eastern Visayas Region;

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

AREAS OF INTEREST

1. VISITING PROFESSORSHIPS

EVSU shall engage **PAASE** members 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 regulations.

2. BALIK SCIENTIST/VISITING SCHOLARS

EVSU shall invite **PAASE** members to serve as a Visiting Scholar under the Philippine Balik Scientist Program to support EVSU's DOST iSTART (Science, Technology and Innovation to Accelerate Regional Development) research collaboration projects. The Visiting Scholar may serve as research mentors and resource persons for research writing and journal publication.

EVSU shall provide logistical and counterpart support as a DOST Balik Scientist in accordance with university regulations.

3. SPECIAL ISSUE OF SciEngJ (formerly PSL) for iSTEAM Research Congress

EVSU shall select the best papers (ie., 10-15) in its Annual International Conference on Science, Technology, Engineering, Agri-Forestry and Mathematics (iSTEAM) and submit as a Special Issue of SciEngJ, formerly the Philippine Science Letters (PSL). This initiative provides opportunity for local Filipino researchers to publish in a high impact journal through a developmental review approach for Filipino authors. PAASE members shall serve as reviewers of the papers.

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 by 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 recognised 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.

Information will not be distributed to a third party without prior authorisation 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.

**EASTERN VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY
(EVSU)**

**PHILIPPINE-AMERICAN ACADEMY OF
SCIENCE & ENGINEERING (PAASE)**

DR. DENNIS C. DE PAZ
University President

DR. GISELA PADILLA-CONCEPCION
President

DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DOST)

ENGR. ERNESTO M. GRANADA
Regional Director, DOST VIII

IN WITNESS HEREOF, the parties to this Memorandum of Understanding hereunder subscribed and affixed their respective signatures this 24th day of September 2021 in Tacloban City, Philippines.

WITNESSES:

DR. MARIA CRISTINA I. CAINTIC
Vice President for RDE, EVSU

DR. MARIANO R. STO. DOMINGO
Vice President

DR. JOHN GLENN D. OCANA
Director, Provincial Science and Technology Center