



# BATANGAS STATE UNIVERSITY

## The National Engineering University

### BATSTATEU SEALED A PARTNERSHIP WITH BCRMF (BATANGAS COASTAL MANAGEMENT RESOURCES FOUNDATION INC.)

#### MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

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This MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT is made and entered into by and between:

The **BATANGAS COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT FOUNDATION, INC.**, a non-government organization organized under existing Philippine laws, with office at PG-ENRO Building, Capitol Site, Batangas City, herein represented by its President, **REY NELSON AMPARO**, and hereinafter referred to as "**BCRMF**".

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The **BATANGAS STATE UNIVERSITY**, The National Engineering University by virtue of Republic Act No. 11694, with office and postal address at Rizal Avenue Extension, Batangas City, herein represented by its President, **Dr. TIRSO A. RONQUILLO**, hereinafter referred to as "**BATSTATEU**".

WITNESSETH, that:

**WHEREAS**, **BATSTATEU** has an existing youth engagement project entitled Batangas Social Innovation Challenge or **BASIC** that aims to address local environment issues in the province;

**WHEREAS**, **BCRMF**, a non-stock, non-profit organization, is in need of environmentally-focused initiatives that will benefit coastal communities in the Batangas Province;

**WHEREAS**, **BATSTATEU** and **BCRMF** has mutually agreed to develop a partnership for the conduct and implementation of the project;

**NOW THEREFORE**, for and in consideration of mutual covenants, conditions and agreement as herein set forth, the parties agree to undertake a joint project on the preparation on the implementation of the Batangas Social Innovation Challenge.

#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

##### I. Batangas Social Innovation Challenge (BASIC)

BASIC, jointly sponsored by **BCRMF** and **BATSTATEU** is a youth engagement project that aims to provide innovative solutions to various social issues in communities.

#### PROJECT OBJECTIVES

1. Identify environmental problems and issues in different communities in the province through the support of the academic sector and the local communities;
2. Engage the youth by conducting social innovation bootcamps and social innovation challenge through pitching competition;
3. Establish and capacitate the young social innovators;
4. Provide seed money for the winning and promising social innovations; and
5. Establish a network of young community social innovators;

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Batangas Coastal Management Resources Foundation Inc. as an environmental group was committed to exerting conscious efforts towards the protection and conservation of coastal resources. In this light, BCRMF Inc. and Batangas State University sealed a partnership through a Memorandum of Agreement where one of their objectives is to identify environmental problems (marine pollution and climate change) and issues in different communities in the province through the support of the academic sector and the local communities.

A key initiative emerging from this partnership is the Batangas Social Innovation Challenge (BASIC), spearheaded by Batangas State University's SOCIAL INNOVATION RESEARCH CENTER (SIRC) in collaboration with the EXTENSION SERVICE OFFICE - CENTRAL (ESO-Central) and the Center for Sustainable Development (CSD).

The first leg of BASIC is dedicated to tackling local environmental challenges in Batangas province, with a particular focus on the Verde Island Passage, often referred to as the "Center of the Center of Marine Biodiversity." By addressing these issues, BASIC aims to create healthier, more environmentally friendly communities and contribute to the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Substantially, a healthy ocean is essential for water security. By safeguarding marine ecosystems, we can ensure a stable water cycle, abundant fisheries, and resilient coastal communities. As oceans face unprecedented threats from pollution, overfishing, and climate change, the water security of humankind is at risk. This partnership is committed to mitigating these threats and securing a sustainable future for both marine ecosystems and human communities.

Source: Social Innovation Research Center

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