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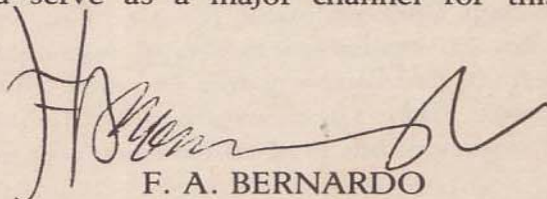
The fifth anniversary celebration of Visayas State College of Agriculture (ViSCA) as a state college is a propitious occasion for the birth of a new scientific publication — the *Annals of Tropical Research*. The idea of putting out a scientific journal took a spark in 1975 when ViSCA was only one year old as a state college of agriculture. Its gestation period was long, for the proponents envisioned a first class technical publication and had to wait for more mature and polished research output of the young and growing research staff.

The *Annals of Tropical Research* is, therefore, not only a new technical journal. It is the fulfillment of a dream, the fruition of ViSCA's rapid staff development program, the arrival of organized and meaningful scientific research in the biological, social and physical fronts.

This new publication shall be devoted to the cause of agricultural and rural development in the tropics. Our choice of title was a deliberate attempt to widen the scope of the journal's coverage so that all branches of science and disciplines in an integrated approach to rural development may be accommodated. Aware also of the universality of science and the location-specificity of technology, we have adopted a title that applies to tropical research in general, rather than a restricted title of a journal for the Visayas or the Philippines. Thus, the *Annals of Tropical Research* is for all seasons — today, tomorrow and in the far future.

Dr. Manuel K. Palomar and Prof. Gloria T. Sadsad, the Editor and Associate Editor, respectively, deserve our hearty congratulations for putting out the maiden issue of the journal during the ViSCA anniversary celebration. The quality of the publication speaks well of their editorial competence and leadership.

The birth of this journal ushers the way for ViSCA faculty members and research staff to publish and disseminate valuable technical information they obtained through research. Any research activity is not complete until research findings — whether negative or positive — are made known through publications. We, therefore, urge every research staff and faculty member to exert his/her utmost effort in publishing research results. The *Annals of Tropical Research* should serve as a major channel for this purpose.



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