



Republic of the Philippines  
**SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD**  
City Government of Pasig

Resolution No. 114-11  
Series of 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HONORABLE CITY MAYOR, VICTOR MA. REGIS N. SOTTO, TO ENTER INTO AND SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF PASIG AND EAST-WEST SEED FOUNDATION, INC. FOR THE TRAINING OF THE EMPLOYEES OF THE MAYBUNGA RAINFOREST PARK UNDER THE VEGGIESKWELA ONLINE TRAINING OF TRAINERS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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**WHEREAS**, the City Government of Pasig envisions itself to be the exemplar of participatory good governance where communities enjoy a high quality of life in a competitive and inclusive economy, ecologically-balanced environment, innovative and resilient infrastructure guided by a responsive, transparent and accountable government;

**WHEREAS**, the Maybunga Rainforest Park, also known as the Pasig City Rainforest Park, is a 6.8-hectare mixed recreational and natural park. The Maybunga Rainforest Park was declared as a Permanent Forest Park under City Ordinance No. 6, Series of 2023, consistent with the principles of sustainable development and the right of the people to a balanced and healthy ecology;

**WHEREAS**, the City Government of Pasig desires to enhance the urban garden established at the Maybunga Rainforest Park and capacitate and train the park's employees on vegetable gardening to improve their skills and obtain additional knowledge on the health benefits of vegetables;

**WHEREAS**, the East-West Seed Foundation Inc. ("ESWF") is a non-stock, non-profit organization that works towards food security and better family nutrition through sharing of knowledge on vegetable production and health benefits;

**WHEREAS**, ESWF collaborates with select partners through its capacity development program entitled VeggiEskwela Online Training of Trainers ("VeggiEskwela"). The online training aims for participants to gain knowledge and skills in vegetable gardening, continue vegetable gardening at home and/or school, share what they have learned with their neighbors and community, and consume their homegrown vegetables for improved family nutrition;

**WHEREAS**, EWSF has offered to train the employees of the Maybunga Rainforest Park under the VeggiEskwela program and provide the city with high quality vegetable seeds for use at the urban garden;

**WHEREAS**, the City Government of Pasig deems that VeggiEskwela is an appropriate program to train the Park's employees and enable them to share their knowledge with the Park's guests and the community, especially the children;

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**NOW, THEREFORE**, on motion duly seconded, the Sangguniang Panlungsod resolves, as it is hereby resolved, to authorize the Honorable City Mayor, Victor Ma Regis N. Sotto, to enter into and sign a Memorandum of Agreement with East-West Seed Foundation Inc. for the training of the employees of the Maybunga Rainforest Park under the VeggiEskwela Online Training of Trainers.

**RESOLVED, FURTHERMORE**, that the copies of the Memorandum of Agreement shall form an integral part of this Resolution;

**RESOLVED, FINALLY**, that the Secretary of the Sangguniang Panlungsod furnish all concerned agencies and/or offices with copies of this Resolution, as duly adopted and approved by the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

**APPROVED**, this 31st day of **May 2023** in the City of Pasig.


  
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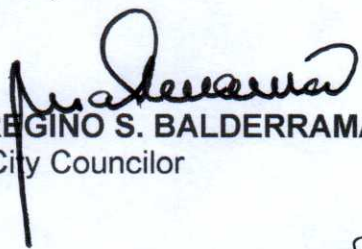
  
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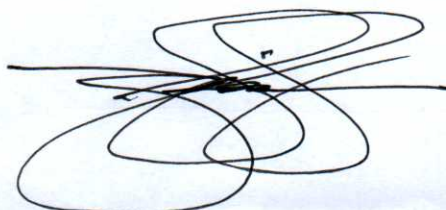
  
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Majority Floor Leader

Attested by:

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HON. ROBERT VINCENT JUDE B. JAWORSKI, JR.  
City Vice-Mayor  
Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

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HON. VICTOR MA. REGIS N. SOTTO  
City Mayor

Attested by:

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ATTY. NICOLO JOEL B. GUTIERREZ  
Acting City Council Secretary

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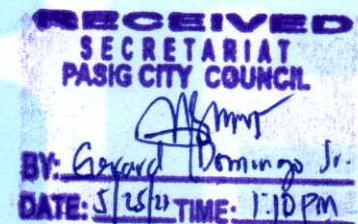
**COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION & HUMAN ECOLOGY**  
**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Proposed Resolution No. 261-2023 : A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HONORABLE CITY MAYOR, VICTOR MA. REGIS N. SOTTO, TO ENTER INTO AND SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF PASIG AND EAST-WEST SEED FOUNDATION, INC. FOR THE TRAINING OF THE EMPLOYEES OF THE MAYBUNGA RAINFOREST PARK UNDER THE VEGGIESKWELA ONLINE TRAINING OF TRAINERS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Date Time & Venue: Wednesday May 24, 2023, 1:00 PM, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Council Session Hall

**ATTENDEES:**

**Coun. Paul Roman C. Santiago** - Vice Chairperson  
**Coun. Quin A. Cruz** - Member  
**Coun. Engr. Noel L. Agustin** - Chairperson; Committee On Infrastructure  
**Mr. Patrick C. Plandiano** - OIC Rainforest Park of Pasig  
**Sonia Fuentes** - CENRO/SWMO Representative  
**Emily Paloyo** - CENRO/SWMO Representative  
**Atty. Isobelle Santocildes** - Office of the City Mayor  
**Elena Van Tooren** - East West Seed Foundation Inc.  
**Ruby Mandac** - East West Seed Foundation Inc.  
**Arch. Agelo John Malabana** - Rotaract of Sta. Mesa  
**Marian Elaine Paconana** - Urban Farmers PH



**DISCUSSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. It was discussed that the purpose of this memorandum of agreement by and between our city mayor the honorable Victor Ma. Regis N. Sotto and the the East-West Seed Foundation Inc., is for additional training for the 24 employees of current the RAVE Rainforest Park, who currently plant, harvest, and maintain the existing Urban Farm of the Rainforest Park, through a partnership with Urban Farmers PH, and the Rotaract of Sta. Mesa which was formally launched last December 2022.
2. Mr. Patrick Plandiano, OIC of RAVE Rainforest Park, informed the committee on Environmental Protection & Human Ecology that as of April 2023, our Urban Farm has already produced more than 100 kilograms of vegetables such as Lettuce, Mustasa, Upo, Talong, and Okra among others. And having additional supplemental training from a Multinational Company such as East-West Seed Inc., will increase the technical skill, and know-how of the employees of RAVE in the continuous planting and harvesting activities in the said Urban Farm which include vermiculture, composting, and rainwater harvesting.
3. Ms. Elena Van Tooren of East West Sed Foundation Inc., informed the committee that the VEGGIE-SKWELA training program will last for six (6) weeks, and will require each participant about 2-3 hours of online trainings per day, and will have hands on assignments and actual planting to be conducted. Strict attendance will be a must, in order to finish this course and be awarded a certificate. Mr. Plandiano informed the committee that the weekly online training will be conducted in the function hall of RAVE, and all learning materials will be provided to the participants.

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4. Ms. Van Tooren also shared to the committee that the East West Seed Foundation Inc., will be providing all the Vegetable Seeds in the program through a deed of donation.

5. Because of the many benefits and advantages such of this partnership between the City Government of Pasig and the East West Seed Foundation Inc., which promotes food security and proper nutrition, which has the ultimate goal of making the Urban Farm at the RAVE Rainforest Park an educational hub and training ground for all Pasiguenos especially students who want to learn urban gardening, The committee on Environmental Protection & Human Ecology recommends the approval of this Proposed Resolution No. 261-2023, and to adopt all discussions of this committee hearing for second reading at the next regular session of the 11<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Panlungsod.

**COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION & HUMAN ECOLOGY**

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