MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

HOLY CHILD CENTRAL COLLEGES, INC. (HCCCI)

AND

RELL AND RENN FISHING CORPORATION (RRFC)

FOR RESPONSIBLE AND SUSTAINABLE SEAFOOD PROCUREMENT AND SOURCING

This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) is entered into by and between:

HOLY CHILD CENTRAL COLLEGES, INC. (HCCCI), an educational institution duly organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with principal office at Allah Valley Drive, Surallah, South Cotabato, Philippines, represented herein by its authorized representative, hereinafter referred to as "HCCCI";

-and-

RELL AND RENN FISHING CORPORATION (RRFC), a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with principal office at Tambler, Ubay, General Santos City represented herein by its authorized representative, hereinafter referred to as "RRFC."

HCCCI and RRFC shall collectively be referred to as the "Parties."

ARTICLE I. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

This Memorandum of Understanding establishes a collaborative framework between HCCCI and RRFC for promoting responsible and sustainable seafood procurement practices for fish and other aquatic food products supplied to the HCCCI school cafeteria.

The partnership aims to:

1. Promote the procurement of legally sourced seafood products obtained in accordance with applicable fisheries and environmental regulations;
2. Encourage responsible harvesting practices and the sustainable utilization of marine and freshwater resources;
3. Strengthen seafood traceability through proper identification of fish species, product origins, and supplier documentation;
4. Prevent the procurement and distribution of seafood products associated with illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing, destructive harvesting practices, or prohibited species; and
5. Promote institutional accountability and responsible consumption through sustainable seafood supply-chain management.

ARTICLE II. AREAS OF COOPERATION

2.1 Responsible Seafood Sourcing. RRFC shall endeavor to supply fish and other aquatic food products that are legally sourced and obtained in accordance with applicable Philippine fisheries, food safety, and environmental regulations.

2.2 Seafood Traceability. RRFC shall provide available supplier documentation identifying the species, product description, and geographical origin or source of seafood products delivered to HCCCI, as applicable.

2.3 Compliance with Fisheries Regulations. The Parties shall promote compliance with applicable fisheries laws and regulations and discourage the procurement of products associated with illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing, destructive fishing methods, or prohibited harvesting activities.

2.4 Protection of Aquatic Resources. The Parties shall encourage responsible harvesting and sourcing practices that support the conservation of marine and freshwater ecosystems and the long-term sustainability of aquatic resources.

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2.5 Sustainable Institutional Procurement. HCCCI shall consider responsible sourcing and seafood traceability as relevant considerations in its cafeteria procurement arrangements and supplier evaluation processes.

ARTICLE III. RESPONSIBILITIES OF HCCCI

HCCCI shall:

6. Establish and communicate institutional requirements for responsible seafood procurement;
7. Purchase seafood products from RRFC subject to applicable procurement arrangements, quality requirements, and institutional approval;
8. Request and maintain relevant supplier declarations, delivery receipts, species identification, and sourcing documentation;
9. Conduct reasonable verification of supplier-provided information and procurement records;
10. Monitor seafood deliveries for compliance with agreed sourcing and documentation requirements;
11. Report identified concerns regarding questionable seafood origins, prohibited species, or potentially illegal harvesting practices; and
12. Promote awareness of responsible seafood consumption and sustainable fisheries among relevant institutional personnel and stakeholders.

ARTICLE IV. RESPONSIBILITIES OF RRFC

RRFC shall:

13. Endeavor to supply seafood products obtained through legal and responsible sourcing arrangements;
14. Provide accurate and available documentation identifying fish species, product origins, and relevant supplier information;
15. Maintain procurement, sourcing, and delivery records to support seafood traceability;
16. Refrain from knowingly supplying seafood products associated with illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, destructive harvesting practices, or prohibited species;
17. Comply with applicable Philippine fisheries, environmental, and food safety regulations;
18. Inform HCCCI of any identified sourcing concerns that may affect the legality or sustainability of seafood products supplied; and
19. Cooperate with reasonable verification, documentation, and monitoring activities conducted by HCCCI.

ARTICLE V. MONITORING, DOCUMENTATION, AND VERIFICATION

The Parties shall establish appropriate documentation and monitoring arrangements to support the implementation of this MOU.

The following records may be maintained as evidence of compliance and implementation:

20. Supplier declarations and certifications, where applicable;
21. Seafood species identification and product-origin documentation;
22. Purchase orders and delivery receipts;
23. Procurement and supplier sourcing records;
24. Applicable fisheries and environmental compliance documents;
25. Monitoring, inspection, and supplier verification reports; and
26. Documentation of corrective actions concerning identified sourcing or traceability issues.

HCCCI may periodically review available supplier documentation and procurement records to assess compliance with the responsible seafood sourcing requirements established under this agreement.

ARTICLE VI. CORRECTIVE ACTIONS AND NON-COMPLIANCE

If either Party identifies seafood products that may be associated with illegal fishing, prohibited species, destructive harvesting practices, or insufficient sourcing documentation, the concern shall be communicated to the other Party for appropriate assessment.

The Parties shall cooperate in determining appropriate corrective measures, which may include:

27. Requesting additional sourcing or traceability documentation;
28. Temporarily withholding acceptance of questionable seafood deliveries pending verification;
29. Requiring clarification or corrective measures from the responsible supplier; and
30. Discontinuing the acceptance or supply of products confirmed to be inconsistent with applicable laws or the requirements of this MOU.

ARTICLE VII. EFFECTIVITY AND DURATION

This MOU shall take effect upon signing by the duly authorized representatives of both Parties and shall remain effective for a period of three (3) years, unless earlier terminated or extended through mutual written agreement.

The Parties may renew this agreement upon mutual consent and subject to an evaluation of its implementation.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS AND MODIFICATIONS

Any amendment, modification, or addition to this MOU shall be made in writing and shall become effective upon approval and signing by the authorized representatives of both Parties.

ARTICLE IX. TERMINATION

Either Party may terminate this MOU by providing the other Party with at least thirty (30) days' written notice.

Termination shall not affect obligations or responsibilities arising from transactions or activities undertaken before the effective date of termination.

ARTICLE X. NATURE OF THE AGREEMENT

This MOU expresses the mutual understanding and intentions of the Parties to cooperate in promoting responsible seafood procurement and sustainable sourcing practices.

Specific purchasing arrangements, prices, quantities, delivery schedules, and other commercial terms shall be governed by separate purchase orders, contracts, or written agreements, as applicable.

Nothing in this MOU shall be interpreted as creating an exclusive supplier arrangement, partnership in the legal sense, joint venture, or employer-employee relationship between the Parties.

ARTICLE XI. GENERAL PROVISIONS

The Parties shall designate their respective representatives to coordinate activities, facilitate communication, and monitor the implementation of this MOU.

Both Parties shall endeavor to resolve any concerns arising from the implementation of this agreement through consultation and mutual cooperation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have hereunto affixed their signatures this 14 day of Septmeber, 2025, at General Santos City, Philippines.

FOR HOLY CHILD CENTRAL COLLEGES, INC. (HCCCI)	**FOR RELL AND RENN FISHING CORPORATION (RRFC)**

HOLY CHILD CENTRAL COLLEGES, INC.

SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF:



