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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

This is to certify that Dr. Hui Tag, Visiting Scientist (DBT Overseas Associate) from Rajiv Gandhi University, Rono Hills, Arunachal Pradesh, India has fruitfully spent his three months tenure at Environmental Plant Physiology Laboratory, Department of Plant and Soil Science, Mississippi State University, MS USA from 12th April 2016 to 6th July 2016.

Physiological experiment that involved induction of stress, study on physiological and developmental parameters on *Centella asiatica* (*Gotu Kola*), which is widely used as medicinal herbs in India, China, and Sri Lanka, under greenhouse conditions have been successful and we are looking forward to see the changes in secondary metabolites and nutritive components under multiple stress conditions.

Dr. Tag has sincerely learnt important research methodologies related to stress induction, photosynthesis, growth and developmental parameters of *Centella asiatica* using different tools and instruments.

In recognition to good work done at lab, our physiological research findings on *Gotu Kola* has been focused under State Spotlight of Mississippi State University web portal (www.msstate.edu) which is a rare honour in itself for innovative research team at MSU.

Dr. Tag is a keen learner and sincere worker, and I fervently hope that the techniques which he has learnt during 3 months long intensive training at our laboratory will be immensely useful for further improving the standard of environmental plant physiology, phytochemistry and biochemical teaching and research at his focal institute RGU. We are in the process of developing collaborative research and teaching programs between our institutions in the near future.

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