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Dr. Zita C. Villa Juan – Albacea is a Professor 12 at the Institute of Statistics, UPLB. She earned her BS (*cum laude*), MS, and PhD degrees in Statistics in UPLB and her Graduate Diploma in Econometrics from the Australian National University. After completing her BS Statistics in just three and a half years, she immediately joined the Department of Mathematics and Physics in 1981 before transferring to the Department of Statistics and Statistics Laboratory in 1982.

Dr. Albacea has shown her undeniable and whole hearted support for the College of Arts and Sciences by initiating breakthrough projects and putting in place administrative protocols for better management and improved efficiency of administrative offices for which she had been tapped to head. From 2009 to 2010, she served as the Director of the Institute of Statistics. She was CAS' College Secretary in 1994, Associate Dean in 2006, and Dean in 2009. As Associate Dean, under the leadership of then Dean Asuncion K. Raymundo, she spearheaded the institution of the CAS Student-Faculty Conference. She envisions this annual conference as a venue for students and faculty to discuss emerging developments in their respective fields through research undertakings, as well as springboard for creative and productive endeavours in their respective careers. As Dean of the College, she was instrumental in proposing projects that would put CAS as an indispensable component of the UPLB and the UP System. Among these initiatives are the CINTERLAB and the University Pulse. Her style has made offices under her management deliver their duties and services more efficiently. She has always inculcated the spirit of promptness and responsibility not only among administrative personnel but among the faculty members as well.

She is a prolific researcher with many of her researches focused on but not limited to survey sampling, statistical computing, small-area estimation, and poverty statistics. She has authored and edited several teaching materials including handbooks, workbooks and lecture manuals for undergraduate and graduate

courses. She has published nine articles on refereed journals, 13 articles in proceedings of various conferences, and three papers in technical bulletins. She has also presented several papers here and abroad, including her three UPLB Professorial Chair Lecture grants.

Her expertise and diverse fields of specialization made her a much sought-after statistician. She is a member of the CHED Technical Panel for Statistics, former Executive Director of the Philippine Statistical and Training Institute, and is a consultant on national projects for Department of Education, Culture and Sports, National Statistics Office, National Statistical Coordination Board, and the then Statistical Research and Training Center. She was also involved on several international projects for ASIAN NGO Coalition, Asian Development Bank, United Nations Development Programme, and Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. She is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and the Philippine Statistical Association where she is a Board Member.