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Dear **Prof. Gupta and Dr. Polacci**,


I am delighted to write this recommendation letter in behalf of Mr. Omar B. Soberano, applying for the Ph.D. project entitled “Understanding Large Igneous Provinces through the Deccan Traps: implications for flood basalts origin emplacement and climate impact”. It’s been 10 years since I’ve known him, we were classmates way back in 2012 during our undergraduate years and we’ve been close friends ever since.

As an undergraduate student, Omar was participative in both inside the classroom lectures and outside the classroom field activities. I’ve never seen him absent in class without a good reason like health issues. He was always passionate about learning and would also inspire his classmates to learn as well. Even in extracurricular activities of the school, Omar would also participate in them. He was a good friend and student during his undergraduate years never had any delinquencies and would also help his classmates learn if he was able to.

Omar’s skills continued to improve after graduation. His passion for learning never died and that’s why he was able to finish his Master’s degree. He was always humble about his achievements and would find time to volunteer in community activities. He would sometimes tutor students and become a guest lecturer for free to help develop the next generation of scientists in our community. In terms of public speaking, Omar still needs improvement, but I can see that he is doing his best to improve it and that he is slowly but surely becoming a better speaker.

Overall, Omar is a great person, from his technical skills in work to his social and interpersonal skills. His hardworking and passionate personality, as well as his kindness and perseverance, would be good qualities in the researcher you are looking for. Omar will work hard and work smart for the project.

Sincerely yours,

  
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