



Republic of the Philippines  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**  
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**SPECIAL ORDER**

No. 406

Series of 2020

**SUBJECT : DESIGNATION OF LEOCADIO S. SEBASTIAN, Ph.D. AS SPECIAL ADVISER ON FOOD SYSTEMS AND AGRICULTURAL INNOVATIONS**

The Special Order No. 396, Series of 2020 dated April 14, 2020 is hereby amended as,

**DR. LEOCADIO S. SEBASTIAN** is hereby designated as **SPECIAL ADVISER ON FOOD SYSTEMS AND AGRICULTURAL INNOVATIONS**.

In view of the above, he shall perform the following, among other things:

1. Lead the DA-wide Innovation Team in ensuring synergy of efforts related to the development and application of cutting edge technologies to boost agriculture and fisheries productivity and competitiveness (e.g., NextGen varieties, Rice Crop Manager, PRISM, PRIME, etc.) in partnership with LGUs, SUCs and the private sector.
2. Provide strategic information and advise to the Secretary in pursuit of high science technology, development of agricultural innovations, and provide directions for Research for Development (R4D) to the Department, its units, institutional partners and stakeholders.
3. **Provide technical expertise on the study and analysis of food systems.**

All others in the Special Order shall remain the same.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force until revoked in writing. All orders issued inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 21 day of APRIL 2020.

**WILLIAM D. DAR**

Secretary

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