



Republic of the Philippines  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**  
Elliptical Road, Diliman  
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**SPECIAL ORDER**

No. 419

Series of 2020

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

In order to further strengthen the Department of Agriculture's strategies and programs on food security and agricultural innovations, **DR. LEOCADIO S. SEBASTIAN** is hereby designated as **SPECIAL ADVISER ON FOOD SECURITY AND AGRICULTURAL INNOVATIONS**.

As such, he shall perform the following, among other things:

1. Provide technical advice to the Secretary on matters related to the formulation, implementation and in ensuring synergy of DA's programs towards ensuring national food security;
2. 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;
3. Provide strategic information and advice to the Secretary in pursuit of science-based technologies, development of agricultural innovations, and provide directions for Research for Development (R4D) to the Department, its units, institutional partners and stakeholders; and
4. Perform other tasks as required by the Secretary.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force until revoked in writing. This Special Order (SO) revokes SO No. 406, Series of 2020. All other orders inconsistent hereto are deemed revoked.

Done this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020.

  
**WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.**  
Secretary

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