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SPECIAL ORDER

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SUBJECT : CREATION OF THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE'S GROUP OF EXPERTS (SAGE)

In the interest of the service and in support to pursuing the Department of Agriculture (DA) Food Security and Resiliency Development Framework, the **Secretary of Agriculture's Group of Experts (SAGE)** is hereby created to be constituted as follows:

Chairperson : Dr. Emil Q. Javier

Members : Senen C. Bacani
Jose Maria A. Concepcion III
Dr. Cielito F. Habito
Leonardo Q. Montemayor
Domingo F. Panganiban
Dr. Ester A. Garcia

Secretariat : DA-Bureau of Agricultural Research (BAR)

The members of the SAGE are expected to provide strategic, broad, and long-term stroke recommendations to drive the agriculture sector into the next higher level of performance. Specifically, they shall have the following functions:

1. Provide policy recommendations to address major and current issues affecting the agriculture sector;
2. Provide assistance to the identification and formulation of special actions and appropriate measures needed by various technical offices of the department;
3. Provide expert assistance in assessing essential and appropriate interventions needed in delivering development programs in the countryside; and
4. Provide guidance in activities that will review and improve the cooperation and coordination between the Philippines and other countries or intergovernmental organizations in different development programs.

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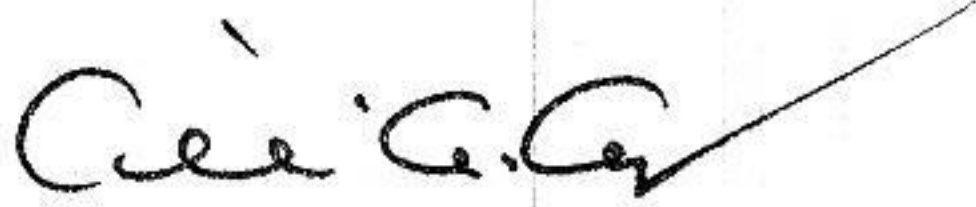


Payment of honoraria, travelling allowances, per diems, and other incidental expenses that may be incurred in the performance of their functions, duties, and responsibilities as SAGE members and all expenses to be incurred in the conduct of the Secretariat's functions, such as travelling expenses, venue rentals for meetings, and other incidentals shall be chargeable against DA Technical Assistance Projects, DA-OSEC, or DA-BAR, subject to existing government accounting and auditing rules and procedures.

All officials and employees of the Department, including its Bureaus, Attached Agencies and Corporations, and Regional Field Offices are hereby advised to give their full support and cooperation to the members of SAGE in the performance of their duties and responsibilities.

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

Done this 29th day of June 2020.



WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.

Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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