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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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SPECIAL ORDER

No. 618

Series of 2020

SUBJECT: AMENDING SPECIAL ORDER NO. 801 SERIES OF 2019: CREATION OF SECRETARY'S TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP (TAG)

In the exigency of the service, Special Order No. 801 Series of 2019 is hereby amended to update and reconstitute the members of the Secretary's Technical Advisory Group (TAG) who will provide technical and substantive work in the operations of the Department of Agriculture – Office of the Secretary (DA-OSEC). The members of the Secretary's TAG with their Major Technical Areas of Concern are as follows:

- Chair** : Dr. Roberto Rañola, Jr.
(University-Industry Linkages; Economics of Production and Marketing)
- Co-chair** : Dr. Rogelio Concepcion
(Disaster Risk Reduction and Management; Soil Health Management)
- Members** : Dr. Arthur Baria
(National Commodity Programs; Agripreneurship)
- Dr. Annadel Cabanban
(Marine and Aquaculture Development)
- Dr. Virginia Cardenas
(Agricultural Education and Extension Management)
- Dr. Emmanuel Lopez-Dee
(Official Development Assistance; Agri-based Small Medium Enterprises and Public-Private Partnerships)
- Dr. Beatriz del Rosario
(Research Management, Crops)
- Dr. Louie Divinagracia
(Sustainable Enterprise Development and Management)
- Dr. Julian Lapitan
(Rice Research and Rice Program Implementation)

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(Local Government Units Concerns and Public Relations)

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(Coordination of Universities and Colleges on Agricultural Concerns)


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(Livestock Industry Development)

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The members of the TAG shall have the following functions:

1. Provide quick response 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 technologies and 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.

They are entitled to travelling allowance, per diems, and other incidental expenses that may be incurred in the performance of their functions, duties, and responsibilities, chargeable against DA Technical Assistance Projects, DA-OSEC, or 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 TAG in the performance of their duties and responsibilities.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force until revoked in writing.

Done this 28th day of AUGUST 2020.



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Secretary

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