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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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SPECIAL ORDER

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SUBJECT : DESIGNATION OF DR. RUTH S. MICLAT-SONACO AS DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL LIVESTOCK PROGRAM (NLP)

In the exigency of the service, **DR. RUTH S. MICLAT-SONACO**, Center Director of the Agricultural Training Institute - International Training Center on Pig Husbandry (ATI-ITCPH), is hereby designated as **DIRECTOR, NATIONAL LIVESTOCK PROGRAM (NLP)** in concurrent capacity with her regular functions as Center Director of ATI-ITCPH.

The National Livestock Program (NLP) is one of the National Banner Programs of the Department of Agriculture created to drive and catalyze the accelerated and sustainable development of the Philippines' livestock and poultry sectors. In consultation and partnership with the private sector and other stakeholders along the value chain, the program prepares plans, implements programs and projects, and recommends policies for the livestock sector.

The Program Director ensures the attainment of the NLP's overall goals and objectives by mobilizing the Department of Agriculture's concerned offices and through proactive engagement and partnership with the livestock stakeholders.

Director Sonaco shall report directly to the Undersecretary-designate for Livestock. She shall be supported by technical and administrative staff and shall perform the following duties and responsibilities:

1. Provides overall supervision in the implementation of programs and projects in all Operating Units (Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), National Meat Inspection Service (NMIS), National Dairy Authority (NDA), Philippine Carabao Center (PCC), Regional Field Offices and ATI-ITCPH);
2. Prepares the annual work and financial plans of the program in consultation with the livestock sector;
3. Prepares regular updates and reports on the status of the implementation of the program and projects, including their outcomes and impact;
4. Together with the Office of the Undersecretary-designate for Livestock, maintain a regularly updated database on the production, consumption, supply, and demand of the targeted livestock by the program;
5. Together with the Office of the Undersecretary-designate for Livestock, conduct regular stakeholder consultation;
6. Assists the Undersecretary-designate for Livestock in policy formulation and planning to enhance the development of the livestock and poultry industry; and
7. Performs other functions and responsibilities as assigned by the Undersecretary designate for Livestock and the Secretary.

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She shall be entitled to travelling allowance, per diems and other incidental expenses that may be incurred in the performance of her functions, duties, and responsibilities, chargeable against NLP funds and other available funds, subject to the 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 directed to give their full support and cooperation to Director Sonaco in the performance of her duties and responsibilities.

This order shall take effect immediately and shall remain enforced unless revoked in writing. All orders, memoranda and issuances inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 5th day of November 2020.


WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.
Secretary

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