



Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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SPECIAL ORDER

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**SUBJECT : CREATION OF THE COCOA OF EXCELLENCE PROGRAM
TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP, (TWG)**

In the interest of service and in recognition of the positive impact of the Philippines' participation in the Cocoa of Excellence Programme (CEP), and the need to discuss the plan and mechanism within the Department of Agriculture for such participation, a CEP Technical Working Group is hereby created composed of the following:

Chairperson : Assistant Secretary for Agribusiness

Vice Chairperson : Program Director for High Value Crops Program

Directors or Heads of the following offices:

1. Bureau of Plant Industry
2. Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards
3. Philippine Council for Agriculture and Fisheries
4. International Affairs Division

The TWG shall be tasked with the following duties and responsibilities:

1. Draft the CEP protocol for the Philippines;
2. Establish the approach or mechanism for data gathering, submission, collection and compilation of relevant information pertaining to the CEP, including subsequent updating of the said protocol, as may be necessary;
3. Invite resource persons from the academe, other government agencies and from the private sector as the TWG deems necessary;
4. Organize the conduct of consultations, workshops, or fora in connection with the CEP and its protocol.

Reimbursements and/or payment of transportation fee, per diems, food, accommodations, and other expenses to be incurred for the activities related to the performance of the functions and assigned tasks shall be chargeable against the respective offices of the TWG members, subject to availability of funds and the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

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All officers and employees of the Department including Bureaus, Attached Agencies and Corporations, DA-Service Units and Regional Field Offices are hereby advised of the creation of this Committee and directed to give their full support and cooperation to the performance of its duties and responsibilities

This order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force until completion the Project.

So ordered.

Done this 9th day of November, 2020.


WILLIAM D. DAR, PhD.
Secretary

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