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Subject: DESIGNATION OF DR. SANTIAGO R. OBIEN AS SENIOR TECHNICAL ADVISER IN THE OPERATIONALIZATION OF PROVINCE-LED AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES EXTENSION SYSTEM (PAFES) IN ILOCOS NORTE

With the mainstreaming of the province-led agriculture and fisheries extension system (PAFES) in all regions of the country, the Ilocos Norte Agriculture Fisheries Extension System (INAFES) stand out as the model for all other provinces in the Philippines. As such, there is a need to firm-up the sustainable operation of INAFES by harnessing the contribution and participation of agriculture-related institutions and sectors in the province. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that has been signed by the different parties last February 2020 sets the basis for these contributions and participation. The post-MOU activities guide the actions that need to be undertaken jointly by the province's agriculture sector.

In the exigency of service and to firm-up the operationalization of PAFES in Ilocos Norte and to ensure that post-MOU activities are effectively implemented, **DR. SANTIAGO R. OBIEN is hereby designated as SENIOR TECHNICAL ADVISER in the operationalization of PAFES in Ilocos Norte.**

As such, he shall provide technical advice to the Regional Executive Director (RED) of Regional Field Office I (RFO I) in the implementation of the activities of PAFES in coordination with the Provincial Government of Ilocos Norte and other agencies. Specifically, Dr. Obien shall provide technical guidance on the following:

1. Firming-up of provincial agriculture and fisheries development plans based on DA's Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization and Industrialization Plan (AgMIP), the Provincial Commodity Investment Plans (PCIP), NEDA Regional Development Plan, etc. The Plan shall be approved by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan.
2. Development, mapping out and operationalization of the *Collaborative Provincial Agricultural and Fisheries Extension Programs* based on the Provincial Agricultural Development Plan and the organization of flagship programs.
3. Agreement of co-investment scheme with the Department of Agriculture and other partners.
4. Approval and funding of priority projects by the provincial Government, the Department of Agriculture, and the partners.
5. Organization of "sui generis" *Provincial Technical Working Group* and composite multi-disciplinary teams from partner agencies supporting the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist, Provincial Fisheries Office, and Provincial Veterinarian to implement priority agriculture and fisheries projects in the interim.

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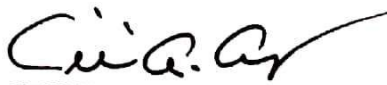
Dr. Obien shall update the PAFES TWG and the Assistant Secretary for Operations regularly on significant development useful in scaling PAFES in other provinces. He will hold office at PhilRice Batac and/or in other offices in the province (i.e., MMSU or OPAG).

He shall be entitled to travelling allowance, per diems and other incidental expenses that may be incurred in the performance of his functions, duties, and responsibilities in view of the designation and conduct of meetings, food, and venue shall be chargeable against DA-RFO I funds, 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 Dr. Obien in the performance of his duties and responsibilities.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain enforced until December 31, 2021. All orders and issuances inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 4th day of January 2021.


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Secretary

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