



Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Elliptical Road, Diliman
1100 Quezon City

SPECIAL ORDER

NO. 221

Series of 2021

SUBJECT: AMENDING SPECIAL ORDER NO. 618 SERIES OF 2020: CREATION OF SECRETARY'S TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP (TAG)

In the exigency of the service, Special Order No. 618 Series of 2020 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 F. Rañola, Jr.
(University-Industry Linkages; Economics of Production and Marketing)

Co-Chair : Dr. Rogelio N. Concepcion
(Disaster Risk Reduction and Management; Soil Health Management)

Members : Dr. Annadel S. Cabanban
(Marine and Aquaculture Development)

Mr. Arthur R. Baria
(National Commodity Programs; Agripreneurship)

Dr. Virginia R. Cardenas
(Agricultural Education and Extension Management)

Mr. Emmanuel Lopez-Dee
(Official Development Assistance; Agri-based Small Medium Enterprises and Public-Private Partnerships)

Dr. Beatriz P. Del Rosario
(Research Management, Crops)

Dr. Louie A. Divinagracia
(Sustainable Enterprise Development and Management)

Mr. Julian A. Lapitan
(Rice Research and Rice Program Implementation)

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Mr. Dennis Layug
(Information Technology; Farm Digitalization and Marketing)

Dr. Agustin Molina, Jr.
(Banana Industry Development)

Dr. Arsenio Resurreccion
(Agricultural Mechanization)

Mr. Jerry Pelayo
(Local Government Units Concerns and Public Relations)

Dr. Honorio M. Soriano, Jr.
(Coordination of Universities and Colleges on Agricultural Concerns)

Dr. Enrico Supangco
(Livestock Industry Development)

Dr. Luis Rey Velasco
(Research, Training, and Innovations; High Value Crops)

Ma. Isabella Favis
(TAG Executive Assistant)


Jose Aubrey Pelayo IV
(TAG Executive Assistant)

Secretariat : Bureau of Agricultural Research (BAR)

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.

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- 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 10th day of March 2021.


WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.
Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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