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**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**  
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**SPECIAL ORDER**

No. 720

Series of 2021

Subject : **DESIGNATION OF CHIEFS OF THE DA BIOTECHNOLOGY CENTERS**

In the exigency of service and pursuant to Administrative Order No. 26, s. 2021, *Reorientation and Strengthening of the Department of Agriculture Biotechnology Centers for the Advancement of Biotechnology Research for Development and Innovation, amending DA Administrative Order No. 06, s. 2015*, the following experts are hereby designated as **CHIEFS OF THE DA BIOTECHNOLOGY CENTERS** with a term of three (3) years, in concurrent capacity with their regular functions and other designations:

NAME	CURRENT POSITION AND OFFICE	ASSIGNED BIOTECHNOLOGY CENTER
ROEL C. SURALTA, Ph.D.	Scientist III, Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice)	Crop Biotechnology Center
CLARO N. MINGALA, Ph.D.	Scientist IV, Philippine Carabao Center (PCC)	Livestock Biotechnology Center
MUDJEKEEWIS D. SANTOS, Ph.D.	Scientist IV, National Fisheries Research and Development Institute (NFRDI) and Academician, National Academy of Science and Technology (NAST-Philippines)	Fisheries Biotechnology Center


As such, they shall perform the duties and responsibilities inherent to their designations pursuant to the above-cited Administrative Order and such others as may be assigned by the Secretary.

They are entitled to travelling allowance, per diems and incidental expenses that may be incurred in the performance of their duties and responsibilities as designated, chargeable against DA Biotechnology Program funds and other available funds, subject to the existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations and procedures.

All officials and employees of the Department including the Bureaus, Attached Agencies and Corporations, Service Units and Regional Field Offices are hereby advised of these designations and directed to give their full support and cooperation to the above Center Chiefs in the performance of their duties and responsibilities.

This order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force until revoked in writing. All orders and memoranda inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 24th day of September 2021.

  
**WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.**  
Secretary

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