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SUBJECT : DESIGNATION OF DIRECTOR JUNEL B. SORIANO OF THE BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AS THE NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE (NR) OF THE ASIAN FOOD AND AGRICULTURE COOPERATION INITIATIVE (AFACI) IN THE PHILIPPINES

In the interest of the service, **DR, JUNEL B. SORIANO**, director of the Bureau of Agricultural Research (BAR), is hereby designated as the National Representative of the Asian Food and Agriculture Cooperation Initiative (AFACI) to replace Dr. Vivencio R. Mamaril.

Since 2010, BAR has been collaborating with AFACI through the implementation of the AFACI- Agricultural Technology Information Network. Fourteen projects were already implemented and completed. The AFACI projects in the Philippines are clustered specifically on farming technology and soil fertility, plant genetic resources (PGR), postharvest technology, agricultural land management, climate change adaptation, pest management, rice and cassava production, production and processing, good agricultural practices (GAP), biofertilizer technologies, and information network.

At present, there are six on-going projects funded by AFACI and being coordinated and monitored by BAR. The implementation of AFACI-funded projects in the Philippines strengthened the international cooperation between the Philippine Department of Agriculture (DA) and the Rural Development Administration of the Republic of Korea.

All officials and employees of the DA, including its bureaus, attached agencies and corporation, and DA service units and regional field offices are hereby directed to give their full support and cooperation to the above official in the performance of his designation.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force until revoked in writing.

All other orders inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 30th day of November 2021.

WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.
Secretary

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